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Land cover and use major future concerns of city

BENGALURU

As the effects of climate change are being felt in the city, the future concerns of citizens have expanded to those about Land Cover – Land Use (LCLU), biodiversity, and health, according to an environmental report card released by the CSD.

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Entry tax waiver sought for tourist vehicles

MYSURU

The Karnataka Tourism Society (KTS), has urged Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to consider waiver of entry tax on tourist vehicles from other States during Dasara season to encourage footfall and revive tourism.

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₹1,500-crore action plan for Kalyana Karnataka

BENGALURU

Amid allegations of delay in the release of funds and discrimination in its allocation for macro projects, the State government has approved a ₹1,500-crore action plan to take up about 1,400 works across seven districts of Kalyana Karnataka region.

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Adani group makes bid to take over NDTV

It indirectly acquires 29.18% stake, to make open offer for 26%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
AHMEDABAD/NEW DELHI

In what appears to be a hostile takeover bid for news broadcaster NDTV, the media subsidiary of Adani Enterprises, AMG Media Networks Ltd. (AMNL), said on Tuesday that it had indirectly acquired a 29.18% stake in NDTV, triggering an open offer for it to take another 26% stake in the media house.

Sanjay Pugalia, the CEO of AMNL, which acquired a 49% stake in Quintillion Business Media that operates economic and business news platform Bloomberg Quint this June, said acquiring NDTV was a "significant milestone" in its goal to "pave the path of new age media across platforms".

Responding to the move announced after market hours by the Ahmedabad-based billionaire Gautam Adani's flagship firm Adani Enterprises, NDTV signalled to the bourses that the announcement was done without its "consent" and stemmed from the exercise of warrants convertible into shares in its promoter firm RRPR Holding Private Ltd., which has a 29.18% stake in the broadcaster.

The warrants were issued as part of a loan agreement entered by NDTV promoters Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy, who continue to hold a 32.26% stake in the business, with a firm called Vishvapradhan Commercial Private Ltd. (VCPL) in 2009-10.

"The NDTV founders and the company would like to make it clear that this exercise of rights by VCPL was executed without any input from, conversation with, or consent of the NDTV founders, who, like NDTV, have been made aware of this exercise of rights only today," NDTV said in a disclosure to the stock exchanges later in the day.

NDTV also pointed out that it had just clarified to the stock exchanges on Monday that there was no change in the shareholding of its founders.

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Adani's broadcasting bid

A look at NDTV's shareholding pattern

NDTV	
Promoter and promoter group	
Prannoy Roy	15.94%
Radhika Roy	16.32%
RRPR Holding Private Ltd.	29.18%
Total	**61.45%**
Public shareholding	**38.55%**

WHAT THE ADANI GROUP HAS ACQUIRED

- RRPL Holding Private Limited's **29.18%** stake in NDTV
- Open offer triggered for **26%**

adani

> AMNL seeks to empower Indian citizens, consumers and those interested in India, with information and knowledge. We look forward to strengthening NDTV's leadership in news delivery
>
> SANJAY PUGALIA
> CEO, AMG Media Network Ltd

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>
> NDTV DISCLOSURE

Sonia urges Gehlot to 'lead' Congress

Rajasthan CM, however, wants Rahul at the helm

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

As the Congress gets ready to announce its final schedule to elect a new party president by September 21, incumbent president Sonia Gandhi met Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Tuesday and is understood to have asked him to "take over".

With Rahul Gandhi making it clear to his colleagues that he isn't ready to take back the reins of the party and there being concerns over Ms. Gandhi's health and age, the party could now be looking at a non-Gandhi at the helm of affairs.

Mr. Gehlot, however, is said to be uncomfortable with the idea and reiterated his earlier stance that former party chief Rahul Gandhi is the "unanimous" choice. "I have been saying this repeatedly that Congress will revive only if Rahul Gandhi*ji* takes over. Without him, people will be disappointed," Mr. Gehlot told reporters at the Delhi airport while heading to Ahmedabad after meeting Ms. Gandhi. "We will continue to put pressure on him to take over as the party chief," he said.

Congress Working Committee (CWC) member Digvijaya Singh admitted that if Mr. Gandhi was "adamant" not to be the party chief, then "none can be forced".

Hours after the meeting, the Congress announced that Ms. Gandhi, accompanied by her children, Rahul and Priyanka, would be going abroad for her medical check-up and to visit her ailing mother.

Leadership question: Senior Congress leader Ashok Gehlot arriving for a party meeting in Ahmedabad on Tuesday. • PTI

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3 sacked over accidental missile firing

DINAKAR PERI
NEW DELHI

The Indian Air Force (IAF) Court of Inquiry into the accidental firing of BrahMos missile in March, which landed in Pakistan, found that deviation from standard operating procedures by three officers led to the incident. Their services had been terminated, the IAF said. Pakistan military had said that the missile landed 124 km inside the country, damaging civilian property.

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SC may hear plea against remission in Bilkis case

CJI tells counsel to file case records

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday agreed to consider listing a plea challenging the grant of remission by the Gujarat government to 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano gangrape case.

Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana told advocate Aparna Bhat and senior advocate Kapil Sibal to file the case records. Ms. Bhat pressed the court to list the petition on Wednesday itself. "We are challenging the remission. Fourteen people were killed and a pregnant woman was assaulted," said Mr. Sibal, who orally mentioned the case for urgent hearing.

In May 2022, the Supreme Court directed the Gujarat government to consider the application of one of the convicts, Radheshyam Bhagwandas Shah, alias Lala Vakil, for premature release in terms of its remission policy of July 9, 1992. The 1992 policy was prevalent on the date of conviction.

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BJP, Cong call off rallies

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Within hours of the Kodagu administration imposing prohibitory orders fearing a threat to the law and order situation in the communally sensitive district, both the Opposition Congress and the ruling BJP called off their proposed rallies in Madikeri on August 26.

The Kodagu administration imposed prohibitory orders from 6 a.m. on August 24 to 6 p.m. on August 27, thwarting the rallies called by both the parties.

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Nature's bounty

Silken flow: People enjoying a shower at the Thottikallu Falls, also known as Swarna Mukhi, located inside a deemed forest area off Kanakapura Road near Bengaluru. The falls come alive during the monsoon. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Technology firms wary of law on digital competition

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

To tackle unfair and predatory practices in the digital market space, the parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance in the first week of September will submit a report on how the competition law needs to evolve for the digital market.

The majority of the tech companies which were invited to a meeting on Tuesday, however, expressed reservations about the necessity of any additional framework or law.

On Tuesday, representatives of Amazon, Google, Netflix, Apple, Facebook Meta, Uber, and Twitter appeared before the panel.

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Govt. will not challenge HC order on ACB: Bommai

'BJP had promised abolishing the bureau in poll manifesto'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday said the government would not challenge the order of the High Court of Karnataka to abolish the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) while stating that the BJP had promised in its election manifesto that it would abolish the bureau which was set up by then Siddaramaiah-led Congress government.

Implementing order

Mr. Bommai told reporters here that the State Cabinet, which met on August 12, had decided to implement the High Court order.

"We are in the process of implementing the court order," he said.

In response to a question on whether the government would challenge a petition filed in the Supreme Court seeking the abolition of the ACB, Mr. Bommai said, "We are sticking to the court (HC) order. The government has nothing to do with the petition filed by an individual in the Supreme Court.... Our government's stand is clear."

Meanwhile, speaking to presspersons, Mr. Siddaramaiah too on Tuesday said he had accepted the order of the High Court and there was no question of appealing against it.

Backdrop of case

The High Court earlier this month set aside the constitution the ACB, which was set up under the direct control of the Chief Minister in 2016. The government then had withdrawn the powers vested with the Karnataka Lokayukta police wing to probe all cases under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, against public servants.

While declaring that the ACB stood abolished with immediate effect, the court restored the power to investigate corruption cases in the State to the Karnataka Lokayukta police wing as it existed prior to the creation of the ACB.

The court also made it clear that all the pending inquiries, investigations, and cases being prosecuted by the ACB would be transferred to the Karnataka Lokayukta police wing for further action as per the law.

Single-window agency to grant nod for public Ganesha idol installations

Permission to be given to organisers for three days for placing idols

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government on Tuesday issued directions to city corporations and urban local bodies to set up a single-window agency comprising officials of Revenue, Police, Energy, Fire and Emergency Services, and PWD Departments for granting permission to organisers for public installation of Ganesha idols in wards of city corporations, including Bengaluru and other ULBs.

The festival falls on Wednesday (August 31) and will be celebrated with fervour in the State and other parts of the country, with fewer restrictions in place after two years of pandemic. In a set of guidelines to ULBs, Additional Chief Secretary Rajneesh Goyal said permission would be granted to organisers for three days for placing Ganesha idols in wards. Officials, after conducting a joint survey, have to grant permission to organizers, he said.

An artisan gives finishing touches to a Ganesha idol in Bengaluru on Tuesday. • PTI

Permission would not be granted for erecting pandals and placing idols in locations where high-tension electric wires pass through, the guidelines noted.

The organisers who wish to hold public celebrations have to seek permission in writing from local municipal authorities/ local authorities for placing idols in public places. Organisers or committee members have to give in writing that they will strictly adhere to court orders and orders of various government departments while seeking permission to place idols in public places.

Idols of Ganesha should be placed in the permitted locations and pandals are to be erected as per the permission granted by the local body officials, guidelines said.

Organisers of Ganesha festival have to take steps to avoid any form of environmental pollution. If necessary, CCTV cameras can be installed by the organisers.

Peace meetings

In order to ensure peace and harmony, the organisers have been asked to hold peace committee meetings by inviting members and presidents of ward committees, citizens committees and other committees in the area before the festival.

High Court quashes rape case as victim marries accused

Says it can't shut its doors for the couple who have married and are bringing up a child

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has found it meaningless to continue criminal proceedings against 20-year-old youth for the charges of rape of a 17-year-old, as the girl, who was in love with him, voluntarily married him after she attained 18 years of age, gave birth to a child a year after the marriage, and is living with him.

"In the teeth of these facts, glaring enough they are, if the court would shut its doors to the couple who are married and bringing up the child, the entire proceedings would result in miscarriage of justice," the court observed.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while allowing a petition filed by Rama, a native of Bengaluru Urban district.

The case

The criminal proceedings against the petitioner, who is now 23, was initiated based on a missing complaint lodged by the girl's father in March 2019, and the police, after investigation, filed the charge sheet for the offences of kidnap, rape under the Indian Penal Code and for the offence of 'penetrative sexual assault' under the provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

The High Court noted that the girl, in October 2019, had deposed before a trial court and stated that the alleged acts were consensual.

She attained 18 years in March, 2020, and filed an affidavit before the trial court in June 2020, reiterating that she and the accused were in love and the physical relationship between them was consensual, and based on this affidavit, the trial court had enlarged him on bail, the High Court noticed from the records.

The girl married him in October 19, 2020, and their marriage was registered on the same day, and she gave birth to a girl child in December 2021, the High Court pointed out.

Moves HC

The petitioner moved the High Court in July 2022, for quashing the complaint by filing a joint memo with his wife.

"If the victim is going to turn hostile in a trial at a later point in time and the petitioner gets acquitted of all the offences, the sword of crime would have torn the soul of the accused. It is not the end result that is painful or otherwise, but the process in the criminal justice system that generates such pain," the court observed while terminating the criminal proceedings.

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Two decade low

0.99 In dollars, the level at which Euro dived on Tuesday to hit a two-decade low ending a one-to-one exchange rate with the U.S. currency. This comes as data highlighted the shrinking eurozone economy and the worsening energy crunch. Euro's slide underlines the foreboding in the 19 European countries using the currency as they struggle with an energy crisis caused by Russia's war in Ukraine. The shared unit had already plunged below parity on recession fears to plumb the lowest levels since 2002. AFP

Adani stake in NDTV

493 In ₹ crore, the amount offered by Adani group firms for buying an additional 26% stake in NDTV Ltd, following the acquisition of nearly 30% shareholding in the company by way of conversion of warrants. If the open offer is successful, the Adani group will become the majority shareholder in the broadcaster with over 55% stake. VCPL along with Adani Media Networks Ltd and Adani Enterprises Ltd has made the open offer at a price of ₹294 each for the acquisition of up to 1,67,62,530 fully paid-up equity shares of NDTV. PTI

German gas storage

80 The % by which Germany's gas storage is full, showing steady progress despite a drastic reduction in deliveries from Russia amid the war in Ukraine. Increasing the amount in reserve has been a key focus of the German government since Russia invaded Ukraine to avoid rationing for the industry as demand rises.The country's storage was about 56% full when Russian energy company Gazprom started cutting supplies through Nord Stream 1. Germany has been hit by reductions in Russian gas supplies since the war started. AFP

Crude oil production

3.8 The % by which India's crude production fell in July on the back of lower output from fields operated by the state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and private sector firms. Production of crude oil, was 2.45 million tonnes while the target was 2.59 million tonnes. ONGC produced 1.7% less oil at 1.63 million tonnes due to lower output. Fields operated by private firms saw a 12.34% decline in production. Domestically produced crude oil forms 15% of the processing at refineries. PTI

Ukrainian refugees

967 In thousands, the number of Ukrainian refugees Germany has registered since Russia invaded its neighbour in February. About 36% of them are children while around 8% are over the age of 64. The UN refugee agency UNHCR says more than 6.6 million Ukrainians have been registered as refugees across Europe since the Russian invasion. Most Ukrainian refugees want to return home as soon as possible, according to a UN survey published in July, but do not expect to do so until the war is over. AFP

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EXPLAINER

Reinvigorating the Chabahar port

Why has interest in the Iran-based port suddenly spiked? How has the port construction progressed so far?

SUHASINI HAIDAR

THE GIST

- The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal visited Chabahar on August 20. Mr. Sonowal reviewed the progress in the work on the terminal and handed over six mobile harbour cranes "to improve efficiency".
- The Chabahar plan had three main objectives — to build India's first offshore port; to circumvent trade through Pakistan; and to find an alternative land route to Afghanistan. A fourth strategy has also emerged wherein the government hopes to provide Central Asia with an alternate route to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).
- The development of the Shahid Beheshti terminal in Chabahar has hit geopolitical road-block after road-block; the biggest issue being Iran's relationship with western countries, especially the U.S.

The story so far: After months of what appeared to be a "go-slow", the Union government has revved up its interest in using Iran's Chabahar port to connect to Afghanistan and Central Asia for trade, with the visit of the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal to the port on August 20.

Why is Chabahar back in the news?
Ahead of the visit to Iran, where Mr. Sonowal met with senior Ministers as well as officials connected to the Shahid Beheshti terminal project development, an official statement said that the visit would be a chance to "strengthen ties and the maritime relationship" between the two countries. "Due to [the] pandemic, there were less number of visits from India to Iran and vice-versa... This visit will also highlight the importance of Chabahar as a gateway for Indian trade with Europe, Russia and CIS [Commonwealth of Independent States] countries," the statement said. During the Chabahar visit, Mr. Sonowal reviewed the progress in the work on the terminal and handed over six mobile harbour cranes "to improve efficiency" and "invigorate the potential of Chabahar" in the loading and unloading operations at the port.

What is India's strategic vision for Chabahar?
When the first agreement for Chabahar was signed by then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 2003, the plan had a three-fold objective: to build India's first offshore port and to project Indian infrastructure prowess in the Gulf; to circumvent trade through Pakistan, given the tense ties with India's neighbour and build a long term, sustainable sea trade route; and to find an alternative land route to Afghanistan, which India had rebuilt ties with after the defeat of the Taliban in 2001.

Subsequently, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's government constructed the Zaranj -Delaram Highway in Afghanistan's South, which would help connect the trade route from the border of Iran to the main trade routes to Herat and Kabul, handing it over to the Karzai government in 2009.

In 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi travelled to Tehran and signed the agreement to develop Chabahar port, as well as the trilateral agreement for trade through Chabahar with Afghanistan's President Ashraf Ghani. Since the India Ports Global Chabahar Free Zone (IPGCFZ) authority took over the operations of the port in 2018, it has handled 215 vessels, 16,000 TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) and four million tons of bulk and general cargo, the government said in Parliament last month.

Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that it is India's vision to make the Shahid Beheshti port a "a transit hub" and link it to the International North South Trade Corridor (INSTC)

In the last few years, a fourth strategic objective for the Chabahar route has appeared, with China's Belt and Road Initiative making inroads in the region. The government hopes to provide Central Asia with an alternate route to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) through Iran for future trade. Speaking a few days earlier on the occasion of a "Chabahar Day" function in Mumbai, Mr. Sonowal said that it is India's vision to make the Shahid Beheshti port a "a transit hub" and link it to the International North South Trade Corridor (INSTC), that also connects to Russia and Europe.

Why is the Chabahar dream taking so long to realise?
Since the beginning, the development of the Shahid Beheshti terminal in Chabahar as well as surrounding infrastructure has hit geopolitical road-block after road-block; the biggest issue has been over Iran's relationship with western countries, especially the United States. In years when western sanctions against Iran increased, the Chabahar project has been put on the back-burner, while in the years when nuclear talks that resulted in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) in 2015 came into being, the Chabahar port has been easier to work on. In 2018, the U.S. Trump administration put paid to India's plans by walking out of the JCPOA and slapping new sanctions on dealing with Iran. This led to the Modi government "zeroing out" all its oil imports from Iran, earlier a major supplier to India, causing a strain in ties. Despite the fact that the U.S. made a special "carve-out" on sanctions for Chabahar, on the ground, it has been difficult to source equipment for the port construction from infrastructure companies that continue to fear secondary sanctions, as well as to engage shipping and insurance companies for trade through Chabahar.

The Modi government also snapped ties with Afghanistan after the Taliban takeover in August 2021, which put an end to the humanitarian aid of wheat and pulses that was being sent to Kabul via Chabahar. When India restarted wheat aid to Afghanistan this year, it negotiated with Pakistan to use the land route instead.

With the government now reopening the Indian Embassy in Kabul, and establishing ties with the Taliban government, it is possible that the Chabahar route will once again be employed, another reason for the recent flurry of activity at the Iranian port terminal that India has pinned so many hopes on.

Under construction: Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at Chabahar Port to review work progress on August 20 in Iran. • PTI

EXPLAINER

Explained | Chinese tech firms under wider scrutiny in India

Why have the offices of Chinese companies Vivo, Xiaomi and Oppo been searched? Will these companies exit the Indian market?

SAPTAPARNO GHOSH

The story so far: Having experienced income tax searches, exclusion from 5G telecom trials and increasing restriction on research collaborations, *The Hindu* learnt from sources that Chinese telecom major Huawei may downsize its research and development (R&D) facilities in India – indicative of an endgame for its Indian operations. Other than Huawei, sector peers ZTE, Vivo, Xiaomi and Oppo too have had their offices searched in the past few months. This is believed to be part of a series of government measures aimed at checking Chinese corporate influence in the country.

What are the allegations against various Chinese companies?
In India, Vivo, Xiaomi and Oppo have been broadly accused of tax evasions, discharging illegal remittances, forged identifications and incorrect disclosures.

In April this year, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) seized ₹5,551.27 crore from the Xiaomi's India unit. It alleged that the company had remitted foreign currency equivalent to the mentioned amount to three foreign-based entities, including one Xiaomi group entity, under the guise of 'royalty'. The company was alleged to have not availed any service from either of the entities and that the remittances ultimately benefited its group entities. This was seen to be in violation of certain provisions of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (1999). Xiaomi denied the allegations and said that the payments were made for in-licensed technologies and IPs used in their Indian products under the purview of a legitimate commercial arrangement.

Continuing this trend, in July, the ED carried out searches at 48 Vivo locations in the country. The ED was acting on an FIR by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs that the Grand Prospect International Communication Pvt Ltd (GPICPL), one of Vivo's associated companies, had used forged identification documents and falsified addresses at the time of incorporation. As per the ED, the company's registered address was that of a government building and the house of a senior bureaucrat. This pointed to the presence of a shell company carved to sidestep taxation. The companies were said to have transferred "huge amount of funds to Vivo India". Moreover, Vivo India allegedly remitted about 50% of its total sale proceeds to China to disclose huge losses in Indian-incorporated companies to avoid paying taxes. This was in violation of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (2002).

In the same month, Oppo was issued a show-cause notice after the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) detected customs duty evasion of ₹4,389 crore. The DRI's searches placed evidence that alleged Oppo had wilfully declared incorrect descriptions of certain imported items for manufacturing their mobile phones in India. This resulted in the company wrongfully availing duty exemption benefits of ₹2,981 crore. Further, the import of intellectual rights acquired from outside the Indian territory was not accounted in their balance sheets for imported products. This is in violation of various provisions of the Customs Act (1962) and Customs Valuation (Determination of Value of Imported Goods) Rules, 2007.

• REUTERS

Why is China's 'cyber-image' under constant scrutiny?
Across the world Chinese companies have been disfavoured for providing critical infrastructure for essential telecommunication services. The list includes the U.S., U.K., Australia and New Zealand among other countries. This is despite the fact that Huawei and other Chinese companies offering significantly lower prices than domestic competitors.

In a separate context, Senior Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) Sameer Patil stated in April, "Not just cyberattacks, China has even utilised overseas business contracts and activities to pursue its cyber-espionage campaign. A crucial part of this campaign is the telecom network and fibre optic communications infrastructure provided by Chinese companies like China Telecom, Huawei, and ZTE."

In a recent example of this concern, *Reuters* reported in July that the Biden administration is investigating Huawei over concerns that cell towers in the country were fitted with gear that could capture sensitive information from military bases and missile silos, that could be transmitted to China.

Are we also looking at cyber-attacks?
On multiple occasions, China has been accused of cyberattacks aimed at collecting information of a sovereign's critical infrastructure. North American cybersecurity firm Recorded Future stated that the October 2020 Mumbai blackout was carried out by China-linked hacker group 'RedEcho' as a follow-up act to the Galwan Valley clash between the armies of the two countries.

Not just sovereigns, companies such as Vodafone and Microsoft too have spoken about such attacks by "state-sponsored" actors. Moreover, in March last year, another cyber-intelligence firm Cyfirma reported that Chinese state-backed groups had targeted the IT systems of Indian vaccine makers Bharat Biotech and Serum Insitute of India. The two companies were believed to be prominent participants in India's ambition for fostering vaccine diplomacy.

What happens to the market in the face of a potential exit?
What has helped the growth of Chinese telecom companies in India is its price-competitiveness in a price sensitive market. According to Counterpoint Research, Chinese players have a 75-80% share in the sub-$150 segment that contributes to 31% of the overall smartphone market. There has therefore, emerged an urgency to find a perfect competitive replacement for Chinese products.

Associate Fellow at the ORF, Soumya Bhowmick told *The Hindu*, "Not just India but several other countries are so dependent on Chinese products. This is primarily because China has mainly monopolised the lower ends of the global value chains." The latter refers to the basic components required for a product, such as a pen cap for a pen. He added that 'Make in India' does possess the bandwidth to provide an alternative but it would be a "plan for many years".

Counterpoint Research opines that an outright ban for Chinese smartphone players is unlikely. As for an overall replacement, it stated, "They need a strong portfolio, distribution, and after-sales services mix, which is currently missing from Indian brands."

Notwithstanding the recent regulatory scrutiny, and the presence of alternate markets in Bangladesh, Thailand and Vietnam, Mr. Bhowmick believes it is unlikely that Chinese firms would want to exit the Indian market so soon.

THE GIST

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29°C A slight warm and humid weather to prevail during the day. Few spells of rain and thundershower to occur. Night will be pleasant.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C The weather will be comfortable but humid. Few spells of moderate rain or thundershower will occur. Night will be pleasant.

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Land cover and use, health major future concerns of city

Centre for Sustainable Development releases third edition of report card based on citizens' perceptions of the quality of the environment

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

As the effects of climate change are being felt in the city, the future concerns of citizens have expanded to those about Land Cover - Land Use (LCLU), biodiversity, and health along with more common issues like air, water and waste, according to an environmental report card released by the Centre for Sustainable Development (CSD).

The report says despite there being one tree for every seven people in Bengaluru, a discrepancy can be seen between citizens' perceptions of green cover and the data about trees. • FILE PHOTO

The third edition of the report card is based on citizens' perceptions of the quality of the environment in the city. While the citizens of Dasarahalli zone reported the highest level of satisfaction, the lowest was among those in Rajarajeshwarinagar and Mahadevapura zones.

A questionnaire-based survey was conducted across 1,842 households and 442 commercial establishments for primary data for the report card, while secondary data was collected through government, academic and research institutions. Citizens believed that there had been a change in LCLU in recent years. While the built up area has increased, corresponding green cover has reduced.

Even though the number of BBMP parks has increased, the citizens are not satisfied with the way the parks are maintained by the civic body, said the report.

More than 95% of the respondents said that they were dissatisfied with the biodiversity of flora and fauna in the city. Those residing in slums and households both shared the same opinions. The report, quoting a study done by IISc, says that despite there being one tree for every seven people in the city, a clear discrepancy can be observed between the citizens' perceptions of green cover and the data about trees.

Indicating a change in patterns, the report notes that there is one or the other kind of renewable energy used in most households. When compared with the data from the previous edition of the report card in 2012, the number of households which use solar water heaters has seen an increase. In Mahadevapura zone, the survey received no responses about the use of renewable energy.

Other than these parameters, the report card has also assessed air and water quality, noise, solid waste, soil, weather and climate, transportation and infrastructure and health. In the weather and climate section, two significant changes - rise in average temperature and increase in the frequency of rainy days - have been observed. While the concerns about pollution and traffic have gone up between 2012 and 2020, the concerns about quantity of water and lack of tree cover have reduced.

Vijay Mohan Raj, Principal Secretary, Ecology and Environment Department, who was present during the launch of the report, said that to tackle the issues of a city like Bengaluru, there should be an ecological flow. "We cannot apply an engineering solution for the environment. Nature cannot be tamed, but we have to correct ourselves."

Overall ranking on environmental issues of households

Pollution from vehicles (noise and smoke)	1
Traffic congestion	2
Air quality	3
Waste segregation and management	4
Quantity of water	5
Waste collection and disposal, storm water	6
Sewerage systems	7
Quality of water	8
Lack of tree cover	9
Lack of open spaces (parks, playgrounds)	10
Industrial emissions	11
Dumping of waste on vacant sites	12
Harvesting water resources	13

Source - Environment report card 2022

More people dying owing to COPD in urban areas: Sudhakar

'We need to have multi-dimensional approach to address air pollution or else the future will curse us'

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The fourth edition of the India Clean Air Summit (ICAS) began on Tuesday in Bengaluru to discuss an integrated approach to resolving air pollution and climate change.

The summit has been organised by think-tanks Centre for Air Pollution Studies (CAPS) and the Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP).

Health Minister K. Sudhakar inaugurated the event and said that people are dying more owing to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in urban areas than rural areas. "Infections on lungs is much higher in urban areas. COPD across the nation is increasing. Medically speaking, there are silent deaths due to air pollution. We need to have a multi-dimensional approach to address air pollution or else the future will curse us," Dr. Sudhakar said.

India's transition to renewable energy sources, measures to improve the implementation of the National Clean Air Programme, and building partnerships with different communities to implement on-ground solutions are a few of the important topics to be discussed during this four day summit, according to CSTEP.

Participating in the event, Bengaluru-based music composer Ricky Kej said, "Climate change is not some vague phenomenon that will happen in the future. Our actions sitting over here are having serious implications for people sitting on the other side of the world."

"Air pollution and climate change are not just environmental problems but a health problem. The narrative of the polar bear dying at the North Pole may or may not get a person to move or act. But when it comes to the health of their child, people are motivated to act," he added.

Drive to clear footpath encroachment begins

4 shopkeepers booked, goods seized

File photo of an encroached footpath at Shivajinagar.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The traffic police have launched a special drive against footpath encroachments in and around the city and are booking repeat offenders for causing danger and obstructing public way or public line of navigation.

The traffic police have stepped up patrolling on the main roads in their jurisdictions and cleared encroachments and vehicles parked on footpaths. The police also recorded the violations and gave a warning to the encroachers.

"It's a continuous effort to clear footpath encroachment based on the High Court directions," a senior police officer, said adding that first-time offenders are being warned, but the repeat offenders will be booked under section 283 of the IPC and action will be initiated under section 107 of the Cr PC.

Booked

On Tuesday, as many as four shopkeepers, including a hotelier and bike mechanic shops, were booked, while their goods have been seized besides the police filing a case against them. The police have released their goods after obtaining bond value from ₹50,000 to ₹1 lakh. If they are found repeating the offence, they will be arrested and produced before the court to recover the fine from them.

It may be recalled that the High court, based on a writ petition in 2019, cracked the whip on traffic police on footpath encroachment by shopkeepers, which was endangering pedestrian safety. The court directed the police to take action and ensure footpaths are cleared of encroachment.

Woman lures civil engineer, tortures him

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The police are on the lookout for a gang of four, including a 32-year-old woman, who abducted a civil engineer to extort ₹4 crore on August 11.

The accused have been identified as Pushpavathy, Santosh, Ayyappa, and Rakesh, who demanded ₹4 crore from Suraj Srinivasamurthy, 36.

In his complaint, Suraj claimed Pushpavathy met him a few times before inviting him to an office of a charitable trust on Mysuru Road. When Suraj went to the office, Ayyappa and Rakesh allegedly snatched his mobile phone before tying his hands and legs at gunpoint. After being released, Suraj got admitted to Victoria hospital before approaching the police.

In progress

For pedestrian safety: Skywalk work under way on Ballari Road near Palace Grounds in Bengaluru. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

CCB probes another telephone exchange racket

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) officials stepped up investigations to crack down another illegal telephone exchange operating in the city.

The investigation was taken up based on a complaint filed by Hind Gaurav from the Department of Telecommunicatio -ns, Ministry of Communications, who found that four SIM cards were being used as SIP/Trunk exchange to convert international calls to local calls.

Violates rules

This, according to Mr. Gaurav, is not only posing a threat to national security, but violates telecommunications rules and is causing huge loss to the State exchequer.

Based on the four numbers provided, the police stepped up investigations to track down the accused operating the exchange in and around the city.

It may be recalled that the CCB had unearthed many such illegal telephone rackets being operated in the city earlier.

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Bengaluru-Mangaluru train to run via Mysuru 6 days a week

Demand to extend service till Karwar gains momentum

ANIL KUMAR SASTRY
MANGALURU

The Railway Ministry has approved a proposal from the South Western Railway to increase the frequency of tri-weekly Bengaluru-Mangaluru overnight express via Mysuru to operate six days a week.

Responding to SWR's July 27 letter proposing to increase the frequency of Train No. 16585/586, the Ministry on August 17 said it has approved the proposal to increase the frequency to six days a week by regularising the services of Train No. 06547/548 Bengaluru-Mangaluru Express tri-weekly special.

The special train was introduced recently on demand from passengers as Bengaluru-Mangaluru NH 75 was affected by frequent landslips in Sakaleshpur taluk.

The Ministry also said the terminal for the train would be shifted to Sir M Visvesvaraya Station, Baiyappanahalli (SMVB) from the present KSR Bengaluru City Junction. The changes effected by the SWR at an early convenient date, the Ministry added.

Despite terminal shifting, the train will continue to run through Bengaluru City, via Cantonment, City and Kengeri on its erstwhile route.

Extension demand

Meanwhile, demand for the extension of this service till Karwar or Vasco-da-Gama has been gaining momentum. Mysuru MP Pratap Simha has already written to Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav seeking extension till Karwar.

Yogendra Swamy from Mysuru Grahaka Parishat said extension of the service to Vasco offers a win-win situation both for SWR and the travelling public. Mysuru did not have direct connectivity with the rest of the coast, including Udupi, Kolluru, Murdeshwar, Gokarna etc., after Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. (KRCL) got Train No. 16523/524 Bengaluru-Karwar overnight express via Mysuru cancelled two years ago. If need be, SWR could arrange rake sharing between Train Nos. 16585/586 and Train Nos. 17309/310 Yeshwantpur-Vasco-da-Gama-Yeshwantpur Daily Express. Rake of the Vasco-Yeshwantpur express remains idle between 5 am and 10.25 pm and the same could be utilised for the via Mysuru service. The extension would also ensure daily service of the via Mysuru service instead of six days.

Meanwhile, KRCL's Director (Operations) Santosh Kumar Jha was positive about receiving the via Mysuru Express on KRCL network when a demand was made during his meeting with members of Kundapura Railway Prayanikara Hitarakshana Samithi at Kundapura on August 19.

BBMP to start tuition centres for children from underprivileged backgrounds

School teachers and qualified youngsters who want to teach students can apply

DARSHAN DEVAIAH B.P.
BENGALURU

The city's civic body is all set to start tuition centres for children from underprivileged backgrounds in various parts of the city starting from September 5, to mark Teachers' Day.

Pilot project

The unique initiative "Vidyarthi Belaku Adhyayana Kendra" will be launched on a pilot basis in 10 places with the help of non-government organisations (NGOs) where teachers will help poor children from slums and below-poverty line families with tuition classes, supplement their learning skills and also help them do home works.

"There are many students in the city who cannot afford to go to tuition and get more skills to prepare for the exams due to financial crises. Hence we planned to start the tuition centres at our BBMP schools where 25 to 30 students will be given admission," said D.S. Umesh, Assistant Commissioner (Education), BBMP.

A file photo of a BBMP school at Ganganagar in Bengaluru, which is one of chosen locations.

Agastya International Foundation, an NGO will help the civic body to set up tuition centres.

"The work order has been issued regarding setting up the centres. The NGO will provide study materials to students and equipment for the tuition centres," Mr Umesh added.

Meanwhile, interested school teachers and qualified youngsters who want to teach students, can apply. The civic body will provide a honorarium of ₹3,500, to a teacher per month.

These classes will be held from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m and since it is a pilot project the class will be taken only for children studying in the class 3 to 5. "After seeing how the initiative picks up, the BBMP will extend the tuition class till high school," Mr. Umesh added.

Tuition centres

- Cleveland Town PU College and High school
- Byraveshwara Nagar High school and PU College
- Sriranpura High school and PU College
- Kasturba Nagar High school and PU College
- Mathikere High school and PU College
- Austin Town BBMP Boys High School
- Ganganagar High School
- Padarayanapura High school and PU College
- Vijayanagara High school
- Pillanna Garden High school and PU College

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KEYWORD

Acculturation

A sociological concept that explains the changes that occur when two or more groups come in contact with each other and exchange aspects of their cultures

THE GIST

- The concept of acculturation was coined in 1880 by American geologist John Wesley Powel. Acculturation is defined as the process in which a person or group from one culture comes in contact with another culture, adopting the values and practices of the other while still retaining their own distinct identity.
- Sociologists understand acculturation as a two-way process, wherein the minority culture adopts aspects of the majority to fit in and the culture of the majority is also influenced by that of the minority.
- India, with its distinctive fusion of various cultures, has archetypes that present us with a deeper understanding of the concept of acculturation. The Urdu language, a blend of Arabic, Persian, Turkish and Hindi, is a beautiful example of the amalgamation and transmutation of cultures.

REBECCA ROSE VARGHESE

The concept of acculturation was coined in 1880 by American geologist John Wesley Powel in a report for the U.S. Bureau of Ethnology. He defined it as the psychological changes induced in people due to cross-cultural imitation, resulting from the interaction with different cultures. At present, acculturation is defined as the process in which a person or group from one culture comes in contact with another culture, adopting the values and practices of the other while still retaining their own distinct identity.

A two-way process

The most prevalent use of the concept is in relation to the cultural exchange between a minority group, that migrates to a new society, with a predominant majority group. The concept became popular among American sociologists in the early 20th century as they analysed the integration of immigrants into American society. The study by W.I. Thomas and Florian Znaniecki in 1918 on Polish immigrants in Chicago, resulted in a better understanding of the concept of assimilation – a process in which groups adopt a new culture that virtually replaces their original culture, leaving only traces behind. On the other hand, the study on Black Americans within white American society gave researchers insight into the concept of acculturation.

Sociologists understand acculturation as a two-way process, wherein the minority culture adopts aspects of the majority to fit in and the culture of the majority is also influenced by that of the minority. Acculturation affects various aspects of life, including dietary patterns, fashion, art, architecture, work culture, and literature. The process can occur at both individual and group levels, as well as between groups that may not be a majority or a minority in society.

Outcomes of acculturation

Though used interchangeably by most, acculturation is different from the concept of assimilation. Assimilation is just one of the many eventual outcomes of acculturation. Depending on the strategies adopted by individuals or groups involved in a cultural exchange, acculturation may result in rejection, integration, marginalisation or transmutation. Moreover, since cultures are ever-evolving, the outcomes of the process may transform with time.

Assimilation refers to the process by which individuals or groups eventually become indistinguishable from the culture they came in contact with. It occurs when the importance given to one's culture is minuscule and where 'fitting in' is given high significance, deeming it necessary for survival in a new cultural space. This outcome is likely to occur in societies that are "melting pots" into which new members are absorbed.

Separation refers to the process wherein an individual/group comes in contact with a new cultural group, but does not embrace aspects of the new culture, as they wish to maintain their own unique identity without being 'contaminated' by the values and norms of another culture. The rejection of a new culture while maintaining one's own traditions and customs usually occurs in culturally or racially segregated societies.

Acculturation is an inevitable social process, as migration and interactions with different cultures have always been part of the evolution of civilisation

Under integration, an individual/group adapts to a new culture while maintaining their original culture. Here cultural adoption is considered significant for the smooth functioning of society. Such a strategy is used in a multicultural society with a relatively high proportion of minority groups. Individuals or groups who use this strategy can switch between the values and norms of the different cultures they have absorbed to interact with groups from both cultures with ease.

Marginalisation occurs when individuals/groups barely interact with a new cultural group. This strategy results in the isolation of the person or group, pushing them aside to the corners of society, forgotten by the rest. In a society where cultural exclusion is practised, it becomes almost impossible to interact and integrate with a different cultural group due to the barriers created between the two.

Transmutation is the process in which importance is placed on both, maintaining one's own culture while also adopting aspects of a new culture. But instead of integrating and switching between the codes and conducts of two different cultures, the cultures are amalgamated into creating a new one. Thus, a unique blend of two cultures creates a new one that is accepted by both individuals or groups.

Indian fusion

India, with its distinctive fusion of various cultures, has archetypes that present us with a deeper understanding of the concept of acculturation and its outcomes. Persian culture, for instance, has influenced almost all aspects of Indian society. The origins of popular food items like biriyanis and faloodas and spices like saffron, and cumin seeds which have become part of our lives, can be traced back to Persian origins. The Urdu language, a blend of Arabic, Persian, Turkish and Hindi, is a beautiful example of the amalgamation and transmutation of cultures.

There are interesting examples that portray the process of acculturation between the Hindu and Christian cultures in the country. The architectures of Christian Churches in Kerala like the Cheriapally (small church) in Kottayam or the Pazhaya Suriyani Pally (old Syrian church) in Chengannur have marks of Hindu architectural styles. Sculptures of Christian deities inside a lotus similar to that of Hindu deities, sculptures of animals like cows, elephants, and monkeys carved onto the church walls, and the use of nilavilakku or traditional temple lamps in churches are examples of the integration of Hindu and Christian traditions and cultures in Indian society.

Acculturation is an inevitable social process, as migration and interactions with different cultures have always been part of the evolution of civilisation. Such interactions have become a part of our daily lives due to the multi-cultural nature of present society. Acculturation allows us to learn and understand new aspects of various cultures and appreciate their differences. Resentment toward other cultures and the belief that one's heritage is superior can result in the marginalisation and separation of different cultures, ultimately disrupting the functioning of a society. A harmonious exchange of cultures between various groups is imperative for a peaceful society.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, Sir."

"Good morning."

What's the difference between 'landslide' and 'landslip', sir?"

"In the literal sense, they mean the same. Landslide or landslip means 'sliding down of mass of lend on cliff or mountain.' Sometimes traffic to Tirumala is suspended because of landslides or landslips. 'Landslide' is used in a figurative sense also. It means 'overwhelming majority of votes for one side, especially in an election'.

Walter Mondale has been buried under the Reagan landslide.

The Opposition parties were stunned by the landslide victory of the Congress party.

"What is a 'bimonthly', sir?"

"A periodical that is published once in two months is called a bimonthly. A periodical that is published twice a month is also called a bimonthly. It is used in both senses these days and is causing a lot of confusion."

"What is the meaning of 'He is down and out', sir?"

"He is one who has failed utterly in everything and has practically nothing to hold on to. The metaphor is from boxing. When a boxer is knocked down, he tries to get up. He is said to be defeated when he cannot get up during the ten seconds counted out by the referee. A man who is down and out in life is in a similar situation. He has been beaten in the battle of life and is reduced to utter poverty."

"What is the difference between "modest' and 'polite", sir?"

"A modest person is humble. He doesn't think too much of himself. A polite person is courteous. He is one with refined manners. Modesty is innate: Politeness is cultivated."

"Sir, what's the meaning of 'He was run in yesterday for assaulting his neighbour'?"

"It means that he was arrested and taken to the police station for assaulting his neighbour. "To run in' means to arrest and take into custody.

Yesterday he was run in for dangerous driving.

If you trespass into this area, you will be run in.

This idiom is used in informal contexts. Let's stop here. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye.

THE DAILY QUIZ

For all the lovers of forlorn melodies, here is a quiz on Indian classical music

1 Who is the musicologist who wrote the first modern treatise on Hindustani classical music?

2 Which period or style of classical music saw the creation of common-practice tonality, an approach to writing music in which a song or piece is written in a particular key? This type of harmony has continued to be used extensively in Western classical and popular music.

3 What genre of music popular in Maharashtra, India is a combination of traditional song and dance performed to the beats of Dholki, a percussion instrument noted for its powerful rhythm?

4 Who was the 12th century sanskrit saint-poet, the great composer and illustrious master of classical music from Odisha known for his epic Gita Govind?

5 What is a form of Indian classical music that developed in the temples of Kerala in south India in the wake of the increasing popularity of Ashtapadis?

6 What is the name for the fusion genre of Indian folk music, specifically Bhojpuri folk music, with local Caribbean calypso and soca music which later on added Bollywood music as well?

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Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

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2. The first Internet search engine. **Ans: Archie**

3. The digital intelligence provider Similarweb rates this website as the eighth most visited in the world. **Ans: Wikipedia**

4. The claim to fame of the device called TAT-8, which was built in 1988. **Ans: The first underwater fiber optic cable**

5. Much before Web 2.0 evolved many users who had email utilised this "distributed discussion system" on "newsgroups" as threaded discussions. **Ans: Usenet**

Visual: Identify this individual who is credited as the founder of the world's most widely used free and open source web content management system. **Ans: Dries Buytaert**

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Elderly man killed by relative over financial row

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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The Marathahalli police have arrested a 48-year-old realtor for allegedly killing his relative over a financial dispute on Saturday.

The accused, Shivappa, had borrowed ₹11 lakh on loan from a financier through his distant relative Venkateshappa, 65, a landlord who is also into real-estate business. Shivappa started avoiding repayment of loan and gave a cheque, which bounced. The financiers Nanjunada Reddy and Prakash approached Venkateshappa as he was surety for the loan.

Frustrated for not getting back the money, the trio went to Shivappa's apartment in Munekolala and confronted him in the parking lot. Heated arguments ensued between them.

Hit with a bat

In the melee, Shivappa attacked Venkateshappa with a cricket bat and escaped.

The profusely bleeding Venkateshappa was rushed to a private hospital where he succumbed on Sunday.

Based on a complaint, the police tracked down the accused on Monday and arrested him on charges of murder for further investigations.

Man arrested on charge of theft

10 bikes and a car recovered

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The K.R. Puram police on Tuesday arrested a bike thief and recovered 10 bikes and a car worth ₹11 lakh from him.

Modus operandi

The accused Muniraju, a resident of Hoskote, used to break the hand locks of the bikes parked in front of houses and steal them. The accused would then take the stolen bikes to isolated places and hide them for a few days before selling them to his contacts, the police said.

Based on a complaint, the police tracked down the accused and arrested him.

The accused had stolen bikes from K.R. Puram, Banaswadi, Hennur, Yelahanka, Hoskote, Kolar, and Mulbagal police station limits.

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Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education, Dr. K. Sudhakar attending health department programme.

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EAST COAST RAILWAY

E-AUCTION FOR LEASING OF 64 SLRs & 07 VPs

(A) Details of VPs : (on round trip basis)

Sl.	TRAIN NO. & CARRYING CAPACITY IN TONNES	FROM-TO	FRONT/ REAR	LOT END DATE & TIME
1	12998/12897, 24 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-PUDUCHERRY	VP	03.09.22, 1040 hrs.
2	12815/12816, 24 Tonnes	PURI-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL	VP	03.09.22, 1050 hrs.
3	18477/18478, 23 Tonnes	PURI-YOG NAGARI RISHIKESH	VP	03.09.22, 1100 hrs.
4	12819/12920, 24 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL	VP	03.09.22, 1110 hrs.
5	12875/12876, 24 Tonnes	PURI-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL	VP	03.09.22, 1120 hrs.
6	12830/12829, 24 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-CHENNAI CENTRAL	VP	03.09.22, 1130 hrs.
7	18463/18464, 24 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-BENGALURU	VP	03.09.22, 1140 hrs.

Lot Start Date & Time : 03.09.2022, 1000 hrs. (for Sl. No. 1 to 7). **Minimum Increase: 0.2%** (for Sl. No. 1 to 7). **Lot Status: New in Draft Catalogue** (for Sl. No. 1 to 7).

(B) Details of SLRs :

Sl.	TRAIN NO. & CARRYING CAPACITY IN TONNES	FROM-TO	FRONT/ REAR	LOT END DATE & TIME
1	22868, 4 Tonnes	PURI-LOKMANYA TILAK TERMINUS	R-1	01.09.22, 1030 hrs.
2	22868, 4 Tonnes	PURI-LOKMANYA TILAK TERMINUS	F-1	01.09.22, 1040 hrs.
3	22892, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-PUNE	R-1	01.09.22, 1050 hrs.
4	20861, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-AHMEDABAD	R-1	01.09.22, 1100 hrs.
5	22974, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-GANDHIDHAM	F-1	01.09.22, 1110 hrs.
6	22910, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-VALSAD	R-1	01.09.22, 1120 hrs.
7	12898, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-PUDUCHERRY	F-1	01.09.22, 1130 hrs.
8	18419, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-JAYNAGAR	R-1	01.09.22, 1140 hrs.
9	17015, 4 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-SECUNDERABAD	F-1	01.09.22, 1150 hrs.
10	12281, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-NEW DELHI	R-1	01.09.22, 1200 hrs.
11	18449, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-PATNA	R-1	01.09.22, 1210 hrs.
12	22827, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-SURAT	R-1	01.09.22, 1220 hrs.
13	12146, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-LOKMANYA TILAK TERMINUS	R-1	01.09.22, 1230 hrs.
14	12845, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-BANGALORE CANT	F-1	01.09.22, 1240 hrs.
15	20817, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-NEW DELHI	F-1	01.09.22, 1250 hrs.
16	17479, 4 Tonnes	PURI-TIRUPATI	F-1	01.09.22, 1300 hrs.
17	17479, 4 Tonnes	PURI-TIRUPATI	R-1	01.09.22, 1310 hrs.
18	20472, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-BIKANER	R-1	01.09.22, 1320 hrs.
19	22833, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-KRISHNARAJAPURAM	F-1	01.09.22, 1330 hrs.
20	12994, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-GANDHIDHAM	F-1	01.09.22, 1340 hrs.
21	22871, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-TIRUPATI	F-1	01.09.22, 1350 hrs.
22	20819, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-OKHA	R-1	01.09.22, 1400 hrs.
23	22836, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-SHALIMAR	F-1	01.09.22, 1410 hrs.
24	17015, 4 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-SECUNDERABAD	R-1	01.09.22, 1420 hrs.
25	22879, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-TIRUPATI	F-1	01.09.22, 1430 hrs.
26	12888, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-SHALIMAR	F-1	01.09.22, 1440 hrs.
27	20918, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-INDORE	F-1	01.09.22, 1450 hrs.
28	20896, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-RAMESWARAM	R-1	01.09.22, 1500 hrs.
29	18447, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-JAGDALPUR	F-1	01.09.22, 1510 hrs.
30	12822, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-SHALIMAR	F-1	01.09.22, 1520 hrs.
31	22840, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-ROURKELA	F-1	01.09.22, 1530 hrs.
32	18417, 4 Tonnes	PURI-GUNUPUR	F-1	01.09.22, 1540 hrs.
33	18417, 4 Tonnes	PURI-GUNUPUR	R-1	01.09.22, 1550 hrs.
34	12880, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-LOKMANYA TILAK TERMINUS	R-1	01.09.22, 1600 hrs.
35	22811, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-NEW DELHI	F-1	01.09.22, 1610 hrs.
36	22202, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-SEALDAH	F-1	01.09.22, 1620 hrs.
37	22805, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL	F-1	02.09.22, 1030 hrs.
38	22823, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-NEW DELHI	F-1	02.09.22, 1040 hrs.
39	20837, 4 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-JUNAGARH ROAD	F-1	02.09.22, 1050 hrs.
40	20837, 4 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-JUNAGARH ROAD	R-1	02.09.22, 1100 hrs.
41	12819, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL	F-1	02.09.22, 1110 hrs.
42	12815, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL	F-1	02.09.22, 1120 hrs.
43	18452, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-HATIA	R-1	02.09.22, 1130 hrs.
44	22819, 4 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-VISAKHAPATNAM	F-1	02.09.22, 1140 hrs.
45	22819, 4 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-VISAKHAPATNAM	R-1	02.09.22, 1150 hrs.
46	22819, 4 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-VISAKHAPATNAM	F-2	02.09.22, 1200 hrs.
47	18126, 4 Tonnes	PURI-ROURKELA	R-1	02.09.22, 1210 hrs.
48	18126, 4 Tonnes	PURI-ROURKELA	F-1	02.09.22, 1220 hrs.
49	18410, 4 Tonnes	PURI-SHALIMAR	F-1	02.09.22, 1230 hrs.
50	18410, 4 Tonnes	PURI-SHALIMAR	R-1	02.09.22, 1240 hrs.
51	18463, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-BENGALURU	F-1	02.09.22, 1250 hrs.
52	12875, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-ANAND VIHAR TERMINAL	F-1	02.09.22, 1300 hrs.
53	18425, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-DURG	R-1	02.09.22, 1310 hrs.
54	12843, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-AHMEDABAD	R-1	02.09.22, 1320 hrs.
55	12801, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-NEW DELHI	F-1	02.09.22, 1330 hrs.
56	20813, 4 Tonnes	PURI-JODHPUR	F-1	02.09.22, 1340 hrs.
57	20813, 4 Tonnes	PURI-JODHPUR	R-1	02.09.22, 1350 hrs.
58	12896, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-SHALIMAR	F-1	02.09.22, 1400 hrs.
59	18477, 4 Tonnes	PURI-YOG NAGARI RISHIKESH	F-1	02.09.22, 1410 hrs.
60	18477, 4 Tonnes	PURI-YOG NAGARI RISHIKESH	R-1	02.09.22, 1420 hrs.
61	20823, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-AJMER	R-1	02.09.22, 1430 hrs.
62	11020, 3.9 Tonnes	BHUBANESWAR-CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI MAHARAJ TERMINUS	F-1	02.09.22, 1440 hrs.
63	12838, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-HOWRAH	F-1	02.09.22, 1450 hrs.
64	15643, 3.9 Tonnes	PURI-KAMAKHYA	F-1	03.09.22, 1030 hrs.

Lot Start Date & Time : 01.09.2022, 1000 hrs. (for Sl. No. 1 to 36), **02.09.2022, 1000 hrs.** (for Sl. No. 37 to 63) & **03.09.2022, 1000 hrs.** (for Sl. No. 64). **Minimum Increase: 0.2%** (for Sl. No. 1 to 64). **Lot Status: New in Draft Catalogue** (for Sl. No.1 to 64).

The tender documents complete details available at : **http://www.ireps.gov.in**

PR-407/N/22-23 — **Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/Khurda Road**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. KPCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 12537/CALL-3 — Dated: 20.08.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Bids are invited from Bidders/ Agencies/ Firms and adequate experience in execution of similar works and financial turnover for the work of **Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 75AH & 40AH battery bank at CHP, BTPS. EMD: Rs. 40,700/-** Last date for receipt of tender: **05.09.2022.** Tender documents may downloaded from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (CHP)E-1,** BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini-583152. Ballari Dist. Mobile: 094808 30364. Tel: 08392-288608. E-mail: eee3btps@gmail.com

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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)

CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No. KPCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT12415/CALL-3 — Date: 22.08.2022

SHORT TERM BID NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal)

Bids are invited for the work of **Design, supply, installation, testing & commissioning (After dismantling the existing CO2 system) of new CO2 system for Units - 2 & 5 Generator fire protection at Nagjhari Power House** covering all associated works and components to suit the site conditions, from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works. EMD: **Rs. 77,720/-.** The details of tender documents can be viewed on **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Last date for receipt of completed bids: **01.09.2022 upto 14.00 Hrs.** Opening of Part-I (Pre-qualification and Technical Bid): **02.09.2022 at 15.00 Hrs.** and Part-II (Price Bid) of the successful bidders **will be intimated later.** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (Generator) Nagjhari,** KPCL, Ambikanagar - 581363, Haliyal (Tq), Karwar (Dt). Mobile: 94495 99106. E-mail: eegennph@gmail.com & eegenkalikpcl@karnataka.gov.in

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Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Niyamita

(Govt. of Karnataka undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer,
No.2 Harangi Right Bank Canal Division, Hunsur
Mysuru District – 571 105

☎08222-252211 Fax: 252211 ✉ eeharangi@yahoo.co.in

No.2 HRBC Div./ PB-1/ Short Term Tender Notification/ 2022-23/ Dated: 22.08.2022

Short Term Tender Notification No.: 04/2022-23, Dated: 22-08-2022 (Call-2)

(Two Cover System, Through e-Procurement Portal Only) Percentage rate tenders are invited on e-Procurement basis by the Executive Engineer,CNNL, No.2 Harangi Right Bank Canal Division, Hunsur, Mysore District on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from eligible contractors for Kattemalalavadi Anecut Down stream Protection Work. The contractors can have access/ download e-Procurement tender document from 23-08-2022 at 11.00 AM onwards and last date to submitt the filled tender document is 05-09-2022 till 4.00 PM. Technical bid will be opened on 06-09-2022 at 4.00 PM onwards and Financial bid will be opened on 12-09-2022 or on any other convinient date and time. All the information is available on e-Procurement portal web-site address http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in . Tender processing fee as stipulated in the e-Procurement portal is applicable for works and stipulated period for completion of the work is 11 months (Including Monsoon). Additional information can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

DIPR/DDMYS/MCA401/2022-23 — **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ

ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ
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ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್)

ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ನಿಯಮ 2000ರಂತೆ 2022-23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂಡೀಪುರ ಹುಲಿ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿತ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ವಿವಿಧ ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಲಯಗಳ ಗಡಿ ರೇಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜಿ.ಪಿ.ಎಸ್. ಬೈಪಾಸ್ಸು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಿ ಹೊಸ ಹ್ಯಾಂಗಿಂಗ್ (Double Line Tentacle) ಟೆಂಟಕಲ್ ಕೋಲಾರ್ ತಂತಿ ಬೇಲಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮಾಡುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂಡೀಪುರ ಹುಲಿ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿತ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಾಗಿ 2022-23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು / ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಒಟ್ಟು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು-5 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 49.20 ಲಕ್ಷ. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊಬಲಗು ರೂ. 0.984 ಲಕ್ಷ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಮೊಬಲಗು 11.52 ಲಕ್ಷ. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ 0.288 ಲಕ್ಷ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 16-09-2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳ ಪರಿಶ್ಲೀಲನೆಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಈ ಕೆಳಸಹಿದಾರರ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ https://eproc.karnataka.gov.inರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು,
ಹುಲಿಯೋಜನೆ, ಬಂಡೀಪುರ

ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ:20.08.2022

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Shivajinagara Division, Thimmaiah Road, Bengaluru.

No: EE/SJN/TEND/14/2022-23 — Dated: 22.08.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)

(Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only)

The Executive Engineer, (Shivajinagara) Division BBMP, Bengaluru, invites **Item Rate** tenders from eligible tenderers for the works details in the table given below. The Tenderers may submit tenders for the works given in the table through e-registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike/BWSSB/KUSWS&B/PRED/PWD/ Railways/MES/any State or Central Government Organisation.

Name of the Work/Category	Approx. value of work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (In ₹.)
Maintenance of Halasuru Lake and Immersion Tank during Ganesha Durga and Other Festivals in Ward No-90 Halasuru for the year 2022-23 (General)	39.00	97,500.00

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the GOK from **23.08.2022.** (2) Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is **30.08.2022** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Date of Opening of Tender is on **01.09.2022** by **4:30** pm If possible or Next Working Day. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shivajinagara Division

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ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 08194-222984

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:ಚಿನಪ್ರಾ/ಸಕಾಉ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/2022-23 — ದಿನಾಂಕ: 20.08.2022

ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 4 ವಿವಿಧ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ 1 ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ನೌಕರರ ಪೂರೈಕೆಯ ಮೊತ್ತ ಅಂದಾಜು109.94 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05.09.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 05:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ.

RO No. 468: DIPR/CTA/MCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AE/F-82/22-23/5158-61 Date: 23.08.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Only through E-Procurement Mode)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry No: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/ BMAZ(N)/ EE(O)/AE/22-23/EPR-22-25 Dtd: 22.08.2022** for the work for **"Providing intermediate towers to increase vertical clearance of existing 66kV lines at various hazardous locations pertaining to TLM sub-division, KPTCL, Rajajinagar in TL&SS Division, SRS Peenya in different packages."** coming under jurisdiction of BMAZ North Circle, Bengaluru.

The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "e-Procurement-KPTCL" or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **24.08.2022.**

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,
Transmission (Maintenance), BMAZ (North), North Circle, KPTCL Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-09.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: SEE/Tr(W&N)/MNG/EE(O)/AEE-2/2022-23/2801-06 Date: 22.08.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement portal only)

KPTCL invites Tenders for the following works:

(1) Bid Enquiry No. **KPTCL/2021-22/SS/WORK_INDENT9069/Call-3.** for Repair/reconditioning of Failed 20MVA, 110/11kV voltage class Power Transformer of Victory make, Sl.No.40044/2. YOM:2011 at 110/33/11kV Bejai Sub-station (percentage tender) (Call-3)

(2) Bid Enquiry No. **KPTCL/2021-22/BD/WORK_INDENT9028/Call-3.** for Repairs to control room building at 110/33/11kV Sub-station Baikampady in Mangaluru Taluk (Call-3)

(3) Bid Enquiry No. **KPTCL/2021-22/BD/WORK_INDENT9029/Call-3** for Repairs to control room building at 110/33/11kV Sub-Station Karaya, in Belthangadi Taluk (Call-3)

The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging **on or after 26.08.2022** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink e-Procurement-KPTCL or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, BANU Ramanathan D/O Ramanathan born on 23-11-1975 residing at Flat no:109,1st floor, Home Crown Mansion, Vijayanagar 3rd stage, Mysuru -570030, have changed my name to Banu Rudrakodeeswaran vide affidavit dated 19-08-2022 at Mysuru

I, ARIFA Fathima, Spouse of No.14538381P, Rank: Ex-HAV VM/ AFV Name: Nisar Ahmed, R/a #130, CMC layout, 2nd Division, 4th ward Gangadharapura Doddabalapura Town, Bangalore Rural District, Pin: 561203 hereby state that my name and DOB have been wrongly mentioned as Arifa Fathima and 02/07/1969 in my husband's army records but my correct name is Arifa Fathima Begum and DOB is 15/06/1967 vide affidavit dt: 22.08.2022 sworn before Notary S.Chandrashekar, Doddabalapur Taluk, B'lore Rural.

I, NEEKHATH Salma W/o Syed Rafiq Ahmed R/at 2526, LIG, 4th Main, 3rd Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore North-560064 state that in some of the school records of my children my name is wrongly mentioned as Neekhat H Salma. I, declare that my correct name and spelling is Neekhath Salma vide Affidavit dated 20.08.2022 sworn before the Add Chief Metropolitan Magistrate presented by Advocate V.Srinivasa, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHETAN Kumar K.P. S/o Puttaiah R, R/at H. No.3, KH No. 316/10,'Devi Nilaya', Behind Jayalakshmi Complex, Kamakshipalya, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore-560079, have changed my daughter's Name from Toshani C.Puttaiah to Toshni Chetan vide affidavit dated 23-08-2022 before Notary Devaraja.E, Bengaluru.

I, CHETAN Kumar.K.P. S/o Puttaiah.R, R/at H.No.3, KH No.316/10 'Devi Nilaya', Behind Jayalakshmi Complex, Kamakshipalya, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore-560079, have changed my son's name from Purvik Tarun C.Puttaiah to Purvik Tarun. Chetan, vide affidavit dated 23-08-2022 before Notary Devaraja.E, Bengaluru.

I, MOHAMED Eajaz Uddin S/o Mohamed Sala Uddin, R/at No.1838, Gurigantipalya, Mulbagal - 563131 have changed my name from Mohamed Eajaz Uddin to M Hejaz Uddin vide affidavit dated 19-08-2022 sworn before Notary N.Krishnaveni, Mulbagal.

I, YASMEEN Firdose W/o Mohamed Eajaz Uddin, R/at No.1838, Gurigantipalya, Mulbagal-563131, have changed my name from Yasmeen Firdose to Yasmin Firdose, vide affidavit dated 19-08-2022 sworn before Notary N.Krishnaveni, Mulbagal.

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LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- II, BENGALURU
Jeevan Mangal Building, No. 4 Residency Road, Bengaluru- 560025
T. A. 2222/2017

BETWEEN :
M/s. IC.I.C.I. Bank Limited ...Applicant

AND
Mr. C.P. Rangaswamy Naidu & Anr. ...Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO. 1(a) and 1(b) UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES,1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. Smt. Lakshmamma, Aged about 55 years, W/o. (Late) CP Rangaswamy Naidu R/a. 5, Siddappanahalli Village, Hunasekatte (Post). Hosadurga (Taluk) Chitradurga (District)- 577 527

Defendant No. 1 (a)

2. Sri. Thimmappa, Aged about 35 years, S/o. (Late) CP Rangaswamy Naidu R/a. 5, Siddappanahalli Village, Hunasekatte (Post). Hosadurga (Taluk), Chitradurga (District)- 577 527

Defendant No. 1 (b)

WHEREAS the Applicant has instituted an application under section19 of Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the above defendants for recovery of a sum of Rs.10,17,616.53/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen and Paise Fifty-Three only) amount together with current and future interest, cost, and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed agent in support of their defence, if any, and show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **26/09/2022** at **10:30 AM** as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this17th day of August 2022.

By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
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LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL- II, BENGALURU
Jeevan Mangal Building, No.4 Residency Road, Bengaluru- 560025
O.A. 1092/2019

BETWEEN :
M/s I.C.I.C.I. Bank Limited ...Applicant

AND
I-Comp Solutions & Ors. ...Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO. 1, 2, 3, and 4 UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES,1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. ICOMP SOLUTIONS No. 32, Ramagondanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Whitefield Main Road, Bangalore -560066 Represented by its Partner, Mrs. Shinoo Mahesh Defendant No. 1

2. V. Uma Mahesh S/o. Venkataraman, Aged about 48 years, C/o. ICOMP SOLUTIONS No.32, Ramagondanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Whitefield Main Road, Bangalore-560066 Defendant No. 2

3. Bhavna Bali Sharma W/o. Kamal Shama, Aged about 42 years, C/o. ICOMP SOLUTIONS No. 32, Ramagondanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Whitefield Main Road, Bangalore-560066 Defendant No. 3

4. Shinoo Mahesh W/o. V. Uma Mahesh, Aged about 48 years, C/o. ICOMP SOLUTIONS No. 32, Ramagondanahalli Village Varthur Hobli, Whitefield Main Road, Bangalore- 560066 Defendant No. 4

WHEREAS the Applicant has instituted an application under section19 of Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the above defendants for recovery of a sum of Rs. 45,98,474.65/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Four and Paise Sixty Five only) amount together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly instructed agent in support of their defence, if any, and show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 10/11/2022 at 10:30 AM as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this17th day of August 2022.

By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debt recovery Tribunal-II
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No. GA/M2/10873/2022 **NOTIFICATION** Dated:17/08/2022

In suppression of the earlier notification No.GA/M2/2060/2015 dtd: 09/12/2016, applications in the prescribed format are invited from eligible candidates for appointment to the posts of **Dean of Faculty (Agriculture), Dean of Faculty (Agricultural Engineering), Director of Research and Director of Extension.**

The application form and further details regarding the age, qualification, application fee etc will be available in the University Website **www.kau.in**. The application form can be downloaded from the Website and the duly filled in application shall reach the Registrar, Kerala Agricultural University, KAU P.O., Vellanikkara, Thrissur – 680656 on or before **5.00 pm on 12/09/2022**

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(Sd/-),
Member Secretary

Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, PRAMC,

4th Floor, PWD Annexe Building, K.R. Circle, Bangalore-560001

No.PWD/40/PRAMC/2022-23/509 **Date: 23-08-2022**

Short Term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, PRAMC, KPWD on behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Invites Short Term Tenders for one Road Safety Work in Hassan District. Further details can be obtained from Karnataka e-procurement portal **(www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** from **23-08-2022, 05:30 PM** onwards.

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No. SEE/EE(O)/AEEE-1/2022-23/F-/3290-295 & 3298-303 Date: 22.08.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites tenders through e-Procurement mode from the reputed Electrical Contractors possessing Super Grade Electrical contractor License having PF registration for the following works:

(I) Tender No. KPTCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 9628

Nomenclature: Combined Package for the following works: 1) Replacement of existing 220KV "DC A+0 tower at Balasagodu limits near Sagar with 220KV DC A+3 KALPATARU Design tower at Location No. 129-131 of 220KV S-3 & 4 DC Line for increasing vertical clearance in Transmission Lines Section Sagar in Transmission Lines Sub-division, Jog Falls.

2) Replacement of 1 No. of 220KV Tower (220KV L&T Design) at Location No. 168-169 of 220KV Sharavathi-Shivamogga S-1 & 2 DC Line maintain vertical clearance between bottom conductor and ground near Hosuru Limits in Anandapura Transmission Lines Section, on TLSD, Jog Falls.

3) Replacement of existing 220KV "DC A+0 tower at Anandapura-Shikaripura Road Cross with 220KV DC A+3 KALPATARU Design tower at Location No. 187-188 of 220KV S-3 & 4 DC Line for increasing vertical clearance in Transmission Lines Section Anandapura in Transmission Lines Sub-division, Jog Falls.

4) Providing One No. 220KV DC A+3 L&T Design tower between Location No. 105-106 of 220KV S-1 & 2 DC Line near Sagar limits Road for increasing vertical clearance in Sagar Transmission Lines Section, on TLSD, Jog Falls.

5) Providing One No. of intermediate tower 220KV DC A+3 L&T Design tower between Location No. 121-122 of 220KV S-1 & 2 DC Line near Kamblikoppa limits Road for increasing vertical clearance in Sagar Transmission Lines Section, on TLSD, Jog Falls.

6) Providing One No. 220KV intermediate tower between Location No. 164-165 of 220KV S-3 & 4 DC Line maintain vertical clearance between bottom conductor and ground near Hosuru limits in Anandapura Transmission Lines Section, on TLSD, Jog Falls.

(II) Tender No. KPTCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 9630

Nomenclature: 7) Providing110KV Intermediate Tower to 110KV BDVT 1&2 line at location bearing Tower No. 16 to 18 in Nidige village to increase vertical clearance of Hazardous location pertains to Shivamogga-2 TLM section in TLM Sub-Division, Shivamogga.

8) Providing110KV Intermediate Tower to 110KV BDVT 1&2 line at location bearing Tower No. 24 to 30 in Jedikatte village limits to increase vertical clearance of Hazardous location pertains to Bhadravathi TLM section in TLMS Sub-Division, Shivamogga.

For detailed information and to participate in the tender through e-procurement please visit our website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** hyperlink "e-procurement" or directly you can access in the tendering website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after For Sl. No. 1 to 6: **23.08.2022** and for Sl. No. 7 & 8: **24.08.2022, 11.00 AM.** Any other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Ele., Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavana, MRS Colony, Harige, Shivamogga - 577203. Ph: 08182-272624.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT DIVISION, BELAGAVI.

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No.EE /MI&GWDDD/BGM/TND/AE-1/2022-23/2636 Date:22-08-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-3 & 4)

As per KTTP Act-2000 and recent Amendments the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department Division Belagavi has invited the item rate TENDER through E-Procurement Portal System (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).Pertaining to Gokak/ Athani Sub Divisions. Total 11 Nos. of work under 4702/SCP 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23 Head. Estimate Amount is Lowest Rs.67.50 Lakhs and Highest Rs.133.00 Lakhs. The contractor should quote rates without adding GST except for KEB items of LIS work. The GST amount will be paid separately. In case of extension period of work, if GST rates are increased then the contractor himself should pay the increased GST amount. The work details can be obtained from 26-08-2022 to 02-09-2022 upto 16.00 hrs.

Note: The intending bidder should visit the concerned works spot and get familiar with the nature of work. Certificate has to be obtained from the concerned Assistant Executive Engineer about visiting the above works spot and it should be uploaded in the tender.

1. Pre bid meeting date:01-09-2022 at Morning 11.00 AM,2. Tender Receipt Last Date:02-09-2022 Evening 4.00 PM,3. Tender Opening Date:03-09-2022 Evening 4.30 PM (if possible), 4. For Tender Details office address:Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Department Division Belagavi,5. Web Site Address:wwe.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/BGM/KD-NO-751/MCA/2022-23 **Sd/-Executive Engineer, M.I & GWDD Division, Belagavi.**

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No. SABVMCRI/631/2021-22 Dated: 22.08.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Sri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institute invites Eligible interested Organizations though sealed e-tenders as per KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the work of Supply, Installation and commissioning of Fire Fighting System (Turn Key Project) at Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital and Govt, HSIS Hospital.

Tender Form, E.M.D. details and conditions can be viewed on this website at **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Tenders can be submitted and non-refundable tender processing fee of Rs. 10,000/- should be obtained and submitted in the name of Director cum Dean, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institute, Bangalore and the receipt thereof shall be enclosed with this tender. Interested tenderers should register on e-procurement portal. Further details for registration can be seen on the website, contact E-mail: sabvmcri@gmail.com & Phone No: +91-8431186388.

Time schedule for the tender: **(1)** Date of Commencement of download of Tender Document from e-Procurement website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in From: **25.08.2022 (2)** Date of Pre bid meeting: **01.09.2022 at 12.30 PM (3)** Date of Online Queries: **06.09.2022 up to 04.00 PM (4)** Last date and time for uploading of e-Tender in e-Procurement portal: **23.09.2022 up to 04.00 PM (5)** Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids: **26.09.2022 at 11.30 AM (6)** Date and Time of Opening of Financial Bids: **27.09.2022 at 12.30 AM (7)** Address for Communication: Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institute, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone: +91-8431186388 Email: sabvmcri@gmail.com

Sd/- DIRECTOR CUM DEAN
Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College & Research Institute, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/Adv/1921/2022-23

Karnataka Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board

(Department of Labour)
Kalyana Suraksha Bhavana, ITI Compound, Dairy Circle, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560029.
Ph: 080-29753350, E-mail: karbuildworkerswelfare@gmail.com

No: KBOCWWB/E-Auction/FD2&3/CR-04/2022-23 Date: 22.08.2022

E-AUCTION NOTIFICATION

Sub: Inviting E-Auction for interest rate bids on Investment of Surplus Funds in Fixed Deposit/ Non-callable for one year through E-Portal, Government of Karnataka.

Board is inviting competitive rate of interest through e-bidding on the e-procurement portal of Govt. of Karnataka from the Regional / Zonal / Head Offices of the Nationalized banks for Non-callable Fixed / Term Deposits of 'Surplus funds' of approx. Rs. 600.00 crore (Rupees Six Hundred crore only) & Rs. 600.00 crore (Rupees Six Hundred crore only) for one year.

E-Auction documents should be submitted electronically through e-Procurement portal **(https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in).**

Sl. No.	Approx. Amount	Last date for uploading the documents
1	600 crores	26.08.2022 before 16:00 Hrs.
2	600 crores	29.08.2022 before 16:00 Hrs.

Further information please contact Deputy Secretary (Admin) of the Board Phone: 080-29753350/54/56, Mob: 9448533794 during office hours.

DIPR/CP/LC/1907/2022-23 **Sd/- Joint Secretary, KB&OCWWB**

COVID-19 - DON'T SPREAD RUMOURS. ACT RESPONSIBLY. AVOID INFECTION-NOT THE INFECTED.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division, 8th Cross, 12th A Main Road, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagara, Bengaluru - 560038.

No: EE/CVR/E-Proc/18/2022-23 Date: 23-08-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division, BBMP for the works mentioned below from registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

(Standard Tender Document - KW-1)

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
	Works Reserved for SC Category		
1	Providing Mobile Immersion Tank at PSK Naidu Road Near KHB Quarters in Ward No. 119, New Baiyappanahalli. **(Indent No. 52697 Call-2)**	1.20	1500.00
2	Providing Mobile Immersion Tank at GM Palya Near Anjaneya Temple in Ward No. 122, New Thippasandra. **(Indent No. 52698 Call-2)**	1.20	1500.00
3	Providing Mobile Immersion Tank at Ward Office, 6th Cross Road in Ward No. 120, Hoysala Nagara. **(Indent No. 52699 Call-2)**	1.20	1500.00
4	Providing Mobile Immersion Tank at Ward Office, 3rd Main Road, Defence Colony in Ward No. 121, Old Thippa sandra. **(Indent No. 52700 Call-2)**	1.20	1500.00
5	Providing Mobile Immersion Tank at Leela Palace Road, 6th Cross Road (Udupi Park) in Ward No.124, Jeevan Bheema Nagara. **(Indent No. 52701 Call-2)**	1.20	1500.00

Calendar of Events: 1) The tender document can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in 2)** Last Date for Uploading the Filled Proposals is **30-08-2022 upto 15.00 Hrs. 3)** Date of Opening of Technical Proposals is **31-08-2022 after 15.30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division, BBMP.

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APPOINTMENT

CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

Regional Office : No. LF-10, 4th Cross Road, Near RBI Staff Quarters, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096. Phone No. **23598862/64/65**

NOTICE

E-106/CWC-Consultant/RO-BLR/2022 **Date: 24-08-2022**

CWC is inviting online applications from retired CWC Group A or Group B officials to work as Technical Consultant on contractual basis. Further details available in CWC website **https://cwceportal.com/Careers**

Sd /- Regional Manager

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
O & M Circle, Shivamogga - 577201
Ph: 08182 - 08182-225544 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No. : SEE/EE(O)/AEE(O)/22-23/7577-83 Date:17.08.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Tendering Mode Only)

MESCOM invites bids from registered suppliers for providing services of Trucks/Lorries along with drivers to following O&M Divisions of Shimoga Circle on monthly rental basis for transportation of materials for a period of ONE year

Sl.No.	Division	Sub-division	Category
1.	Shivamogga	Bejjavalli	General
2.	Shivamogga	Divisional Store	ST
3.	Bhadravathi	Rural	General
4.	Sagar	Rural	SC
5.	Shikaripura	Shikaripura	General

The bids will be received through Electronic Tendering made only. The details of tender notification can be obtained by logging on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **24.08.2022.** Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superinteding Engineer (Elecl), O&M Circle Shimoga

For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

Government of Karnataka
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION, DHARWAD.

SECTION 1: INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (One & Two Cover System), KW-1&4/KC-5

Reg: This office tender Notification No. 21/2022-23 Dated: 18.08.2022

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division, Dharwad, under **Dharwad** Sub Division invites tenders for total of 17 Works in Standard Bid Document KW-1&4/KC-5 through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz., **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible contractors for the work under Head of Account: **4702-MOT (Total of 05 main work); 4702 NewTank (Total of 01 Consultancy work); 4702 APB- (Total of 05 main work); 4702 APB (Total of 02 Consultancy work); 4702 LIS (Total of 01 main work); 4702 SCP(Total of 01 mainwork); 4702 TSP (Total of 02 main work);** Maximum Amount: put to Tender Rs.200.00 Lakhs, Maximum E.M.D amount Rs.3.00 Lakhs and Minimum Amount put to tender: Rs.1.06 Lakhs, Minimum E.M.D amount Rs.2700.00 Period of downloading tender documents from e-procurement portal from **01/09/2022 to 12/09/2022 upto17:30hrs.** And any other Corrigendum/ Addendum and Postponement of Notification, if any will be published only through **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website @ **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** are final.

Sd/- Executive Engineer M.I & G.W.D. Division Dharwad

DIPR/Dharwad/484/2022-23/Deshpande Publicity

On day 2, CET online document verification goes smoothly

Karnataka Examinations Authority conducts process in three sessions

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Students at the KEA office for the document verification on Tuesday. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

After chaos on the first day, the CET-2022 online document verification went smoothly on the second day on Tuesday across the State without technical glitches.

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) conducted online document verification in three sessions – it started at 9.30 a.m. and ended around 4.30 p.m. Engineering ranks from 5,001 to 10,000 candidates got their documents verified.

On the first day, the document verification had stared an hour-and-a-half late as the server was down and due to other technical glitches. The KEA is conducting document verification for Bengaluru candidates in Malleswaram head office.

Massive crowd earlier

On Monday, there was a massive crowd at the KEA and students and parents complained about the lack of arrangements and coordination as they waited for hours for their turn. More than 3,000 students and parents had gathered in front of the KEA office.

Due to lack of space and seating facility in the waiting area, many were seen sitting on the pavements, while others resorted to standing for hours. People also had to buy water bottles from the shops near the office as drinking water facilities weren't provided.

There was a huge crowd of candidates especially in the Bengaluru South Block Education Officer (BEO) desk and the documents verification went on till around 8 p.m.

However, on Tuesday, the KEA made some necessary arrangements of seating, drinking water, toilet and other facilities for the students and parents. In order to avoid inconvenience, they displayed the areas and the BEO desk. According to this, students went to the particular BEOs desk and got their documents verified.

Manya T.K, a Computer Science Engineering aspirant, told to *The Hindu*, "We just needed the documents that they have asked for the document verification. I did not face any problems. I heard about the crowd yesterday, but I did not find anything troubling me."

NTCA standard operating procedure not followed in leopard hunt: Activists

RISHIKESH BAHADUR DESAI
BELAGAVI

Anil Benake, MLA, with drone pilot Jervis Anthony in Belagavi on Tuesday. • P.K. BADIGER

The Forest Department has been taking several steps to capture or drive away the leopard that has been frequenting Belagavi city for two weeks now.

It has launched a joint operation with the police and the platoon commander's wing of the Army to trace or capture the leopard.

The wild animal was first spotted on August 5. Since then, the department has deputed over 200 personnel to comb the golf course and has set up eight cages, and 22 camera traps.

Men with sticks and machetes have tried to clear bushes and shrubs. They have burnt crackers and beaten drums to scare away the leopard. Forest staff have search the ground for pug marks. Drone cameras were used to look for prey carcasses.

On Tuesday, infrared stable cameras that can recognise shapes using artificial intelligence were pressed into service. A team, led by drone pilot Jervis Anthony, fixed IRS cameras in vantage positions in the golf course. They explained the technology behind the cameras to Anil Benake, MLA, and senior forest officers. These are commendable steps, but are not in line with the standard operating procedure prescribed by the National Tiger Conservation Authority, say activists. The SOP applies to both tigers and leopards.

When asked on Monday if the officers were following the NTCA SOP, Forest Minister Umesh Katti said: "They know that to do and they are doing it". The SOP to 'deal with emergency arising due to straying of tigers in human dominated landscapes', makes some vital recommendations that have not been followed.

At the outset, the Chief Wildlife Warden should constitute a committee immediately for technical guidance and monitoring on a day-to-day basis. No committee has been formed as yet.

Secondly, the district administration should impose prohibitory orders under CrPC section 144 in the affected areas. This has not been done.

"In all instances of wild carnivores straying into a human dominated landscape, the district authorities need to ensure law and order by imposing section 144 of the Cr.PC. This is essential to avoid agitation and excited local people surrounding the animal spot which hampers capture operation, leading to serious injuries," says the SOP. But officers in Belagavi have not been able to achieve that and the area of operations remains crowded.

The SOP further states that either existing, empanelled, or outside experts should be involved in monitoring of the operations. But third-party experts have not been employed.

The officers are supposed to establish identity of the tiger by comparing camera trap photographs with National Repository of Camera Trap Photographs of Tigers (NRCTPT) or reserve-level photo database to find out the source area of the animal. Forest officials say this is being done at Bengaluru.

Whenever cages with lure animals are set up, the area needs to be kept undisturbed, to allow the wild animal to move freely. This recommendation is far from met, as huge crowds are combing the area where the cages are kept.

Hitachi sets up facility at Doddaballapur

It has invested ₹100 crore

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at the opening of Hitachi's manufacturing facility on Tuesday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Hitachi Energy, a technology player that offers advanced solutions for a sustainable energy future globally, set up a new facility to manufacture power quality products (devices that test and check the quality of power) at Doddaballapur on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

The Indian arm of the Switzerland-based Hitachi Energy has invested ₹100 crore to set up this new facility that has a production capacity of 20,000 units of advanced capacitors, banks and power electronics compensators for low, medium and high-voltage systems that are used in power utilities, industries, renewables and transportation segments, as per the company.

"We have a rich heritage and extensive footprint in this country and this new manufacturing unit for power quality solutions reinforces our commitment to facilitate India's energy transition to net-zero," said Claudio Facchin, CEO, Hitachi Energy.

"The expansion also strengthens our long-standing presence in Karnataka as we look forward to collaborating with all stakeholders in the ecosystem," he said in a media round table held at the facility on Tuesday.

Karnataka was fueling its ambitions of industrial growth through a prism of sustainable development goals, said Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister, at the facility opening ceremony held separately on the day. "Karnataka is a leading contributor to India's industrial ambitions. With long-term committed partners such as Hitachi Energy, we continue to invest to make the state a global manufacturing hub," the Chief Minister said.

Manufacturing of electrical equipment was an energy-intensive process. Keeping sustainability goals in mind, Hitachi adopted innovative processes at this factory that were capable of reducing electrical energy consumption per process step by almost 40%, said N. Venu, MD and CEO, India & South Asia, Hitachi Energy.

According to the International Energy Agency, the energy demand in India is set to double over the next 20 years driven by urbanization and industrialisation.

Hitachi Energy employs around 38,000 people in 90 countries and generates annual business to the tune of $10 billion. The company, which forayed into India in 1962, claims it has one of its widest manufacturing bases.

Dasara: Entry tax waiver sought for vehicles

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

Former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa offers sugarcane to the Dasara elephants on the Mysuru palace premises on Tuesday. • M.A. SRIRAM

Ahead of Dasara festivities that commence next month, stakeholders of the tourism industry have sought various measures from the State government to boost tourist footfall since the celebrations are going to be grand this year after two years of low-key festivities. The scaled-down celebrations due to the pandemic has had a large impact on the tourism industry.

The Karnataka Tourism Society (KTS), a professional body representing travel, tourism, and hospitality sectors, has urged Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to consider waiver of entry tax on tourist vehicles from other States during Dasara season to encourage footfall and revive tourism.

In a letter to Mr. Bommai, KTS president K. Syama Raju and honorary Secretary S. Mahalingaiah said tourists' vehicles from neighbouring States were earlier allowed without payment of permit and entry tax during Dasara as tourism promotion.

Claiming that waiver of permit and entry tax on tourist vehicles would revive tourism economy in the State, they urged the Chief Minister to make an announcement that tourists' vehicles can enter the State without payment of entry permit and taxes for two months – September 1 to October 31 – in the interest of tourism.

"The Uttar Pradesh government announced free entry of tourists' vehicles from Delhi, Rajasthan, and Haryana States without payment of entry and permit taxes in a bid to promote tourism," they claimed.

The KTS has sought Dasara gold cards arguing that it would help travel and tour operators get more high-end tourists to Mysuru.

The KTS urged the CM to urge printing about 1,000 gold cards for distribution amongst travellers and stakeholders.

Man kills wife, surrenders before police in K.R. Puram

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Suspecting her fidelity, a man killed his wife and surrendered before the police in K.R. Puram on Tuesday.

The deceased has been identified as Nancy Flora, 30, a homemaker, while the accused is John Supreet. The couple were married around 12 years ago and they have two children, aged 10 and 5. They were living on the first floor of their own building in T.C. Palya, while Supreet's parents stayed on the ground floor.

Investigation revealed that the accused suspected that his wife was having an affair and decided to kill her. He attached her with a machete around 6 p.m.

On hearing Flora's screams, the elderly couple climbed up to find her dead while Supreet was standing next to her. Supreet left the house, while the elderly couple called the police. Before the police reached his house, Supreet went to K.R. Puram police station and surrendered.

The police said that he confessed that his wife had been close to a person in the last few months. They had frequent fights over the same. "He has been arrested and investigation is on," said S. Girish, DCP (Whitefield division).

Water adalat tomorrow

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will hold water adalat on Thursday between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the following subdivisions: South 2-2, South 2-1, South West 6, South West 5, South East 1-3, East 2-3, North West -2, North 1-2, and North 1-1.

For problems regarding water supply, consumers can contact helpline number 1916 and WhatsApp no. 8762228888.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This General Public hereby notified that my client **Smt. B.N. Rupa** W/o. Sri. K.R. Gopal, Plot No.29/4, Near Impact College, Chowdeshwari Layout, Kodigehalli, Sahakaranagara, Bangalore-560 092 is the absolute owner and is in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the property mentioned below and he has lost/misplaced the Page No.10 of 10 of the Original Partition dated 23-06-2006, registered on 24-06-2006, registered as document No.YAH-1-06982/2006-07, stored in CD No.YAND205, registered in the office of the Senior Sub-registrar's office Yelahanka, Bangalore, pertaining to the Schedule property. In this connection, an E-Complaint has also been lodged on 18-08-2022. I hereby call upon the General public if anyone is in custody or possession of the same or otherwise found the above said document, kindly handover to undersigned immediately/within **7 days** and they may be suitable awarded, and also I further bring into the notice of the general public that in case anyone dealing with the Schedule Property on the basis of the above said original document, it shall not be binding on my client and the same will be an offence and they are liable to punish under the Criminal and Civil Law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing **Site No.5**, B.B.M.P. Katha No.2628/30/2/5, old CMC Katha No.2628/30/2/5, formed in **Sy.No.39/2 of Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore**, presently coming under the limits of B.B.M.P. Bangalore measuring East to West: 43 Feet and North to South: 56 Feet in all measuring **2408 square feet** and bounded on:
East by : Road; **West by :** Property belonging to Devaraj; **North by :** Property belonging to Krishnappa; **South by :** Road.

KRISHNAMURTHY .P, ADVOCATE
No.11, 1st Floor, North Park Road,
Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560020.
Mob : 9740718498

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **SMT.ANJANI NAIK** (Aadhaar No.5083 7066 4278) W/o Sri.Sanath Kumar B Roy, Aged about 40 years, Flat Flat No.105, B Block, VISHWA PRAKRUTHI GREEN WOODS, International Airport Road, Jakkur Plantation, Bangalore-560064, intends to purchase schedule property from SRI.SURESH VABKATTI, BALAN (Aadhaar No.6523 3599 1328) S/o Late.V.A.Balan, Aged about 62 years, R/at No.221, 13th A Cross, 'A' Sector, New Town, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064, any person/persons having any objections or claiming any right, title or interest in the said property are required to lodge the same with undersigned along with documentary evidence within **7 days** from this date, failing which my client shall proceed with the transaction free from all encumbrances.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable site bearing No.58, formed in Sy.No.68 [old Sy.No.23] of Kadugondahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Residential Conversion Vide official Memorandum No.B.DIS ALN. SR. (NA) 97/95-96, dated:29-09-1995 presently comes under the jurisdiction of Town Municipal Council, Hunasamaranahalli, Katha No.962/857/58 [old katha No.857], measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South on the Western side 61 feet, North to South on the Eastern side 64 feet in all measuring 2500 Square feet Vacant site.

And bounded as follows **East by:** Site No.59, **West by:** Site No.57, **North by:** Prestige property, **South by:** 30 feet Road.

G.R.S AND ASSOCIATES,
G.R. SRINIVASA, ADVOCATE
No. 728, 1st Floor, 41st Cross, 3rd Block, ESI Hospital Road, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010.
Date- 23-08-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to information to the General Public that my client **Sri.Hari Prakash Raju.P** S/o late Paparaju R/at No.234/5, 1st Floor, Door No.102, Sharada Residency, 4th Main, Near Shanimahatma Temple, 2nd Block, Thyagarajanagara, Bengaluru-560 028, is entered into Agreement of Sale to purchase the schedule property from its owners namely (1) **Smt.K.M.Nagalaxmi** W/o Late K.N.Murlidhara R/at No.4/1, 6th Main Road, Tata Silk Farm, Bengaluru-560 028, (2) **Sri.Harish.K.M** S/o late K.N.Muralidhara, R/at No. 1162, Sampige Krupa, 'Wegana', Flat No. 301, 42nd Cross, 36th Main, Poornapragnanagar, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560 061, 3) **Sri.Goutham Kadhaba Muralidhara** S/o Late K.N.Muralidhara R/at No.12000, Stable Ridge Terrace, Glen Allen, VA-23059 United States of America, represented by his GPA Holder Sri.Harish.K.M and 4) **M.Vikram** S/o late K.N.Muralidhara R/at No.7, Darren Drive, Shrewsburry, MA- 01545 represented by his GPA Holder Sri.Harish.K.M. If anybody having any right, share, claim or objection to the proposed purchase may file their objection in writing along with copies of supporting documents to the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of this publication. Failing which my client will be advised to go to ahead and complete the formalities of registration of sale deed.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the house property formerly part of 47/4 New and present **Municipal No.4/1**, situated at **6th Main Road, 3rd Block, Tata Silk Farm**, Old Ward No.51, Present Ward No.154, Bengaluru, PID No.51-89-4/1 measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South 71 feet 6 inches totally measuring **1793 sq.ft** along with residential building thereon with all Civil amenities bounded in the:
East by: House belonging to B.V.Challam, West by: Premises No.46/5 belonging to V.S.Kuppuraj, North by : Premises No.41 belonging to P.R.Krishna Swamy, South by: 6th Main Road.

A.G.Prahallad, Advocate
No.12, 12th Cross, Bannappa Park Road
Cubbonpet, Bengaluru-560 002
Mob: 9845654795

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE - U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
HAL AIRPORT ROAD, VIMANAPURA POST, BENGALURU - 560 017
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP,
(Phone: 080 25084156, 4318, 4194) (Fax: 080 25084155)
BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

1. On behalf of the President of India, item-rate tender are invited for the following works:

Description		Details
Name of work	Replacement of existing old 11kV VCB panels with 9 Nos 11kV VCB panels for the DG sets at main Campus, URSC, Bengaluru - 560017.	Repairing & Servicing of 6.3 MVA, 66/11 kV M/s. Voltas make transformer at URSC main Campus, Bengaluru - 560017.
E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/1019(Ele)/E-Tender/2022-23/01 Dated:27.07.2022	URSC/C&MG/1020(Ele)/E-Tender/2022-23/02 Dated:27.07.2022
Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 88.50 Lakhs	₹ 50.28 Lakhs
Tender Document details	E-Tender	E-Tender
Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	Eight (08) Months	Ten (10) Months
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 10.30 hrs. on 02.08.2022 to 16.30 hrs. on 09.09.2022	From 10.30 hrs. on 02.08.2022 to 16.30 hrs. on 09.09.2022
Bid clarification	From 11.30 hrs. on 02.08.2022 to 17.00 hrs. on 09.09.2022	From 11.30 hrs. on 02.08.2022 to 17.00 hrs. on 09.09.2022
Last date and time of reply to Bid clarification	Up to 17.00 hrs. on 12.09.2022	Up to 17.00 hrs. on 12.09.2022
Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 14.09.2022	Up to 14.30 hrs. on 14.09.2022
Due date and times of opening of tenders.	After 14.30 hrs. on 14.09.2022	After 14.30 hrs. on 14.09.2022
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 1,77,000/-	₹ 1,00,560/-

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO
Sd/-, Group Director, C&MG, URSC

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client **Mrs. M. LALITHA** has negotiated for purchase of below mentioned schedule property from its owner **Mrs. K. R. PADMA** W/o. M. Gangadhar, R/at No.74, New No.82, 2nd Main, Manjunath Nagar, Ittamadu, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085.

Any person/s, banks / financial Sectors / individual / authorities etc., having any claim/s, right, share or interest over the schedule property shall file his/her/their/its objections along with original documents with the undersigned within **07 DAYS** from the date of this publication.

Any objection/s on and after **07 days,** shall not be entertained and my client shall proceed with the sale transaction with **Mrs. K.R. PADMA** presuming that there are no claim/s of anyone whatsoever over the same.

(A.N. Krishna), Advocate,
#7, 2nd Floor, B.R. Ramu Building,
Diagonal Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru-560004.
Bengaluru Date : 24-08-2022

Government of Karnataka
Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Davanagere
No.EE/RWS& SD/DVG/AE-2/JJM/2022-23/547
Dated:-18/08/2022

Short-Term e-ProcurementTender Notice

Tender is invited through e-procurement for the works of Channagiri Taluk for Providing Functional Household tap connections under Jal Jeevan Mission scheme(2021-22) in One/Two cover system by the Executive Engineer, RDW & S Division Davanagere on behalf the Governer of Karnataka from registered Contractors in PWD and also registered in e-Portal cell Item rate tenderas per standard bid documents **KW** only through e-Procurement in order to enahance the transparency in the tendering proces and hence there will be no physical form of tender. Last date for submission of tenders on **Dated:02/09/2022 till 5.00 PM.** For further details can be obtained from this office Tel No:08192-262126 or through website **http//eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

ಪತ್ರಾಂಕ/RWSD/399/ಆಂತ/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

सी.एस.आई.आर – केन्द्रीय चर्म अनुसंधान संस्थान
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No. 2(312)/2013/Pur 23rd August, 2022

E-TENDER NOTICE (www.etenders.gov.in)

Director, CSIR-CLRI invites bids on **www.etenders.gov.in** from manufacturers, their authorized distributors for purchase of items listed below:-

Sl. No.	Tender ID & Tender Ref No.	Description of items	Pre-Bid conference date and time	Nature of Tender
1.	2022_CSIR_126441_1 & 28(01)/2022/Pur	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Fast Protein Liquid Chromatography to Recover and Purify Protein from Tannery Fleshing Waste	2nd September, 2022 11.00 a.m Through MS-Team	**Global Tender** - The tender is open for local suppliers and Non-local suppliers (those not meeting the local content, Foreign OEM, Foreign principals or their authorized Indian agents)
2.	2022_CSIR_126201_1 & 7(26)/2021/Pur/T-59	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Bench Scale Spray Dryer (Water Evaporation Capacity-1L/ Hr)	5th September, 2022 11.00 a.m Through MS-Team	**Open Tender** - The tender is only for Class I and Class II local Supplier.
3.	2022_CSIR_126174_1 & 7(06)/2021/Pur/T-60	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Chiller With SS Pipe Fittings and Cooling Tower	5th September, 2022 3.00 p.m Through MS-Team	**Open Tender** - The tender is only for Class I and Class II local Supplier.

For more details like Bid submission start & end date, minutes of Pre-Bid conference may be seen at www.etenders.gov.in & www.clri.org . Bidders are requested to submit online bids only through **www.etenders.gov.in .**

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On behalf of the President of India, item-rate tender is invited for the following work:

Sl.No.	Description	Details
1	Name of work	Electrical works for Proposed New Bust of Prof. UR Rao at URSC, Main Campus, Bengaluru
2	E-Tender Notice No.	ETN No.: URSC/C&MG/E/TN-10/2022-23 Dtd: 23.08.2022
3	Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 5.21 Lakhs
4	Tender Document details	**E-Tender**
5	Period of completion	Four (04) Months
6	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 10,420.00/-
7	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	From 15.30 hrs. on 23.08.2022 to 10.00 hrs. on 29.08.2022
8	Bid clarification	From 16.00 hrs. on 23.08.2022 to 11.00 hrs. on 29.08.2022
9	Last date of reply to Bid Clarification	Up to 17.00 hrs. on 29.08.2022
10	Last date and time for receipt of tenders	Up to 10.30 hrs. on 30.08.2022
11	Due date and time of opening of tenders	After 10.30 hrs. on 30.08.2022

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

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Department of Scheduled Tribe, Scheduled Caste, Minority and Backward Class Welfare, Government of Jharkhand

Cong., BJP call off Madikeri rallies after ban orders are imposed

Kodagu authorities cite threat to peace from programmes by political rivals

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

The Congress and the BJP called off their proposed rallies in Madikeri on August 26, hours after the district administration imposed prohibitory orders across Kodagu fearing a threat to the law and order situation.

The former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced in Bengaluru on Tuesday that the party had decided to put off its scheduled 'Madikeri Chalo' programme in view of the Kodagu district administration's decision to impose prohibitory orders for four days from August 24.

Siddaramaiah

'Won't violate law'

The former Chief Minister said he and his party did not wish to violate the law. "It was a party programme and after a consultation with other party leaders, a decision has been taken to put off the programme," he said, adding that a decision on holding the programme in future would be taken after consulting with other leaders.

Welcoming the Congress' announcement, BJP leader and former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa said the BJP would also drop its plans to go ahead with the Jana Jagruthi convention it had proposed. The Congress was free to plan their programme when peace returns, he added.

The Kodagu administration had earlier imposed prohibitory orders under Section 144 of the Cr.PC and Section 35 of the Karnataka Police Act across the district from 6 a.m. on August 24 to 6 p.m. on August 27, effectively thwarting the rallies called by both the Congress and the BJP on August 26.

The Congress called for a 'Madikeri Chalo' programme on August 26 to lay siege to the office of the Superintendent of Kodagu district police in protest against the alleged security lapse during Mr. Siddaramaiah's visit to the district recently when black flags were shown and eggs were hurled at his car. The protests were over Mr. Siddaamaiah's remarks on Hindutva ideologue V.D. Savarkar.

Soon, the BJP too gave a call for a Jana Jagruthi convention in Madikeri on the same day and appealed to the partymen to gather at Gandhi Maidan in the town in large numbers, thereby setting up the stage for a confrontation between the two political rivals.

Communally sensitive

The Kodagu district administration has cited a threat to peace and law and order in the communally-sensitive district from the political rallies by the rivals that came in the run-up to the Assembly elections scheduled to be held next year. There were reports that an estimated one lakh people would gather for the Congress programme from different parts of the State while the BJP too was mobilising similar numbers for its convention on the same day.

While recommending ban orders in the district, Superintendent Police Capt. Aiyappa M.S. pointed out that Kodagu was a communally sensitive district that had a history of communal conflagrations, including disturbances that took place following celebration of Tipu Jayanti in November 2015.

According to the prohibitory orders, no public gathering will be allowed except for the already scheduled marriages, naming ceremonies, housewarming ceremonies, and government meetings. No protests, processions, rallies and jathas will be allowed. Gathering of more than five persons, celebrations, bursting of crackers, holding black flags or giving provocative speeches using loudspeakers too have been banned.

Congress spokesperson M. Lakshmana said the BJP's plan to hold its Jana Jagruthi convention on the same day and same time in Madikeri as the Congress' demonstration against the lapses of the Kodagu district police during Mr. Siddaramaiah's visit was part of a "conspiracy" to create a law and order situation and force the administration to impose prohibitory orders.

BSY inaugurates Savarkar Rath Yatra in Mysuru

It will travel in three districts to counter 'negative propaganda'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

The former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa inaugurated the Savarkar Rath Yatra in Mysuru on Tuesday with a call to counter the "negative propaganda" against Hindutva ideologue V.D. Savarkar in the State by spreading his message.

The eight-day-long yatra, which will traverse through parts of Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, and Mandya districts, comes at a time when Congress leaders, including the former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, had questioned Savarkar's contribution to the freedom struggle.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Yediyurappa, who was recently appointed a member of the BJP's Parliamentary Board, recalled the glowing descriptions of Savarkar by eminent personalities, including former Prime Ministers Indira Gandhi and Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

While Vajpayee, about 50 years ago, had emphasised the need for taking Savarkar's message to each and every household in the country, Mr. Yediyurappa claimed that Indira Gandhi had called him a "remarkable son of India".

The former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa flagging off Savarkar Rath Yatra in Mysuru on Tuesday. •M.A. SRIRAM

The BJP leader said that a number of eminent personalities in the country, including former Presidents S. Radhakrishnan and Zakir Hussain, besides socialist Ram Manohar Lohia had also praised Savarkar. "When Savarkar died in Mumbai, Congress and Communist leaders attended his funeral," he said.

Contending that Savarkar was a patriot, who also tried to reform the Hindu religion, Mr. Yediyurappa said he was a freedom fighter who spent several years in jail. Though he did not name anybody for the negative propaganda about Savarkar while addressing the gathering at the launch of the yatra, Mr. Yediyurappa said it was a crime to defame such a personality for petty political gains.

Meanwhile, while speaking to reporters, Mr. Yediyurappa lashed out Mr. Siddaramaiah for questioning Savarkar's role in the freedom movement. He said the Congress leader was speaking irresponsibly and added that such utterances did not behove his stature. People of the State would soon teach him a lesson, he said.

Security tightened

Security was tightened for Mr. Yediyurappa's visit to Mysuru in the wake of the protests against the black flag demonstrations and hurling of eggs at Mr. Siddaramaiah's car during the latter's recent visit to Kodagu.

Ministers invited for tech conclaves

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Minister for Electronics IT/BT and Science and Technology C.N. Ashwath Narayan met Union Ministers Nirmala Sitaraman, Pralhad Joshi, and Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Tuesday and extended invitations to participate in 'Beyond Bengaluru' tech conclaves which will be held in Hubballi, Mysuru, and Mangaluru.

These conclaves will be held as part of the 25th edition of the 'Bengaluru Technological Summit BTS-2022'. The tech conclaves are scheduled to be held in Hubballi on September 26 and in Mysuru on October 19 and 20. These will be inaugurated, respectively, by Mr. Joshi and Mr. Chandrasekhar, said Dr. Narayan. The date of the Mangaluru conclave is yet to be decided.

It is expected that a large number of stakeholders, including entrepreneurs, domain experts, and investors, will gather at these conferences. The government has also opened Karnataka Digital Economy Mission offices in Bengaluru, Hubballi, Mysuru, and Mangaluru.

Govt. approves ₹1,500-crore action plan for Kalyana Karnataka region

This is against the promise of ₹3,000 crore to the regional development board in 2022-23 Budget; benefit to the region is too meagre, say critics

SHARATH S. SRIVATSA
BENGALURU

Amid allegations of delay in the release of funds and discrimination in its allocation for macro projects, the State government has approved a ₹1,500-crore action plan to take up about 1,400 works across seven districts of Kalyana Karnataka region as against the allocation of ₹3,000 crore to the Kalyana Karnataka Regional Development Board (KKRDB) in the 2022-23 Budget. The order has directed the board to prepare an action plan for works to the tune of ₹1,500 crore only. The allocation has been criticised as falling too short of expectations.

Highest in Koppal

While ₹1,200 crore out of the ₹1,500 crore has been approved to fund the micro and macro projects in these districts, the rest will come from discretionary funds from the Chief Minister, the Planning Minister, administrative costs, and regional funds. The highest number of micro and macro works will be taken up in Koppal at 270, followed by Bidar - 242 works, and Kalaburagi - 225 works. According to the order, 200 works will be taken up in Raichur, 190 works in Vijayanagara, 179 works in Yadgir, and 106 works in Ballari.

Sources said that while the Chief Minister approved the works for about ₹1,500 crore last month, the action plan for about ₹1,200 crore by the board was approved now. However, sources pointed out that the actual benefit to the Kalyana Karnataka region will be meagre since ₹1,000 crore under the special development programme (SDP) had been merged with the funds for the action plan.

"The KK region will get ₹1,000 crore under the SDP meant for aspirational taluks in Kalaburagi division under the D.M. Nanjundappa commission report instead of the annual ₹1,200 crore because the funds have been merged." The sources said, "In all, the KKRDB gets funds of about ₹2,000 crore only as against the budget allocation of ₹3,000 crore. If the loss of ₹200 crore from the SDP is calculated, the board gets about ₹1,800, a ₹300 crore increase from the annual ₹1,500 allocation."

Of the total 1,428 works for which funds have been approved, ₹862.16 crore has been set aside for 1,323 works classified as micro projects, and ₹ 268.4 crore has been released for 89 works classified as macro works. Besides those approved by the government, ₹60 crore will be released from the Chief Minister's discretionary quota, ₹75 crore from the Planning Minister's quota, ₹75 crore from the regional fund, ₹45 crore from the KKDB chairman's discretionary quota, and ₹15 crore towards the administrative cost, sources explained.

'Eyewash'

Meanwhile, slamming the government for rescinding its promise, the former Minister and Congress leader Priyank Kharge said that what the government had done was an eyewash. "It is a routine allocation and the promised special or the additional fund has not been released." He also said that allocations have been made to the Members of the Legislative Council against the rule and works had been approved without the consent of the board. "In the last three years, the government did not spend even ₹1,000 crore annually."

Navy officer calls on Governor

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Vice-Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, accompanied by Charu Singh, president, Naval Wives Welfare Association, called on Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot at Raj Bhavan here on Monday.

He briefed the Governor on the Indian Navy's operations to enhance overall maritime security and coastal security, particularly off Karnataka coast.

Employees of iconic MPM have had no salary for 10 months

'Company says we have been terminated from service'

SATHISH G.T.
BHADRAVATI

For the last 10 months, around 70 employees of Mysore Paper Mills (MPM) Ltd., a public sector undertaking in Bhadravati, have not got their salaries. When they enquired with their office about the salaries, the response they received was that they had been terminated from service with effect from October 2021.

Employees of Mysore Paper Mills Ltd. (below) outside the union office on the company premises in Bhadravati. •PRAKASH HASSAN

MPM, set up by rulers of the erstwhile Mysore Kingdom, stopped functioning in 2015. Permanent employees were offered packages under the voluntary retirement scheme. Those on the verge of retirement got better packages than those recently recruited and left the company. As many as 224 permanent employees continued with the company. The firm also wanted to retain some employees for regular maintenance until the company was taken over by private investors.

However, private investors hardly showed interest to take up the firm and it remained non-functional. As many as 129 employees were deputed to different corporations and boards of the State government. Finally, 70 remained with the company's establishment in Bhadravati.

"The permanent employees who have been deputed to boards and corporations are continuing to get salaries and other benefits. But, we have been terminated. Is this not injustice? We too have been demanding the company depute us to boards and corporations," said S. Chandrashekhar, president of the workers' union.

The recurring loss prompted the government to stop the operations of the company in 2017. As a result, except for the forest division, all other sections came to a halt. The forest division is continuing to work because the company has got around 20,005.42 hectares of forest area on lease. The lease expires on August 8, 2060. The area is utilised for raising captive pulpwood – the raw material for paper production.

"We are demanding that the company and the government ensure job security for the remaining employees until they retire. The company can make use of our services in the Forest Department. Instead of managing the forest by taking officers on deputation from the Forest Department, let our men do it. In fact, many of us did the same job earlier," said Mr. Chandrashekhar. The union has moved the court on the issue. The hearing is going on.

Backlog posts

Of those remaining in the company, nearly 40 people belong to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. They were recruited against the backlog vacancies. "We were recruited for meagre salaries and for years we have not seen a hike. As the VRS package was not beneficial for our payscale, we did not take it. For the last 10 months, we have had no salary. As we have already crossed 50 years, it is difficult to take up fresh jobs elsewhere," pointed out Sreeshila, an employee who gets monthly pay of ₹12,654. He has been with the company since 2008.

Shivaraj Naik, another employee and a native of Bidar, said he had no source of income to look after his family of six members. "We are ready to work for the company or any other government agency," he said.

The company has machinery and over 800 acres of land and 1,419 quarters. Most of the buildings have remained vacant. A majority of the houses are in a dilapidated condition.

Programme today to mark Doctors' Day

Vision Group, TAC members to be felicitated

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka is belatedly observing Doctors' Day on Wednesday by felicitating Vision Group members and the Technical Advisory Committee (COVID-19 Control) at the Vidhana Soudha.

National Doctors' Day is celebrated on July 1 in remembrance of Bidhan Chandra Roy who was an Indian physician, educationist, philanthropist, freedom fighter, and statesman who served as Chief Minister of West Bengal. However, it was postponed this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The vision group in Karnataka is headed by G. Gururaj, in-charge director of NIMHANS, and comprises 38 doctors and experts from all specialities of health and medical education. The Technical Advisory Committee has been constituted specially for COVID-19 pandemic under chairmanship of M.K. Sudarshan.

The event is being held in coordination with Karnataka Government Medical Officers Association (KGMOA).

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

Sh. K.R.C.BHARATHY

Retd. Bank of Baroda attained the Lotus feet of God on *22nd August 2022.*

Deeply mourned by Mrs. Vatsala Bharathy, Retd Indian Oil Corporation (wife), children, grand children, near & dear.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
BUILDINGS (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, MEDICAL WORKS,COIMBATORE – 641 001.
PRE QUALIFICATION TENDER – TWO COVER SYSTEM.
TENDER NOTICE No. NIT . 04 /BC / C&M CIRCLE /MEDICAL WORKS / CBE / 2022 -23,Dated : 23.08.2022.

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, Sealed Tenders are invited upto 3.00 pm on 28.09.2022 from the PWD & equal class in WRD Registered Contractors by the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (Construction & Maintenance) Circle, Medical Works, Coimbatore – 641 001 for the work of " Providing compound wall, Earth retaining wall, Approach road, Stromwater drain, Culvert, Filling low lying areas to New Government Medical College, Hospital and Residential Building Campus and Providing Central lab, Dialysis ward, MRD, MS, RMO room arrangements with Additional Electrical and power main arrangements in still floor of Hospital building at Krishnagiri in Krishnagiri District" at his office and Tender will be opened on the same day at 3.30 P.M.

All other details are available in the website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in.** If any changes / corrections etc., to the tender, will be published on the above website only.

Superintending Engineer, PWD., Buildings (C &M) Circle, Medical Works, Coimbatore.

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IFT No. EE/MI & GWD D/KAL/PB-1/2022-23/ 2207 Dated : 22-08-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT KW-3) :-

1) Detail of work: THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELEGIBAL TENDERERS FOR FLOOD DAMAGE & 4702 LIS WORKS FOR THE YEAR 2021-22, 2) Amount of Estimate : Min. Rs. 51,87,786.44, Max. Rs. 53,30,716.23, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-1, 4) Details of Tender Application Amount and EMD Amount : Tender Fee As Per e-Portal ; E.M.D. Min. Rs. 1,03,800.00 Max. Rs. 1,06,615.00, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: **30-08-2022 Up to 11.00 Hours,** 6) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders: **01-09-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid : **02-09-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid : **05-09-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours,** 9) Addl. Information : Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal : **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/523/MC&A/2022-23

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Office of AC (Welfare), BBMP Head Office,
2nd Floor, Annex-2 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-02

No.: BBMP/2022-23/IND754/744/747/748 Date: 23.08.2022

RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Re-invites tender from eligible bidders for the following:
1. Supply of Motorized TWO-WHEELER-110 CC and above (Gear Less) and (bs-vi) with Retro fitment of additional two wheels attachment.
2. RE-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF SEWING MACHINE
3. RE-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF FOLDABLE WHEEL CHAIR
4. RE-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF SMART CANE FOR BLIND

Following are the Events of Bid process:

	Tender Name	Tender Reference number:
1	1. Supply of Motorized TWO-WHEELER-110 CC and above (Gear Less) and (bs-vi) with Retro fitment of additional two wheels attachment.	• BBMP/2022-23/IND754
	2. RE-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF SEWING MACHINE	• BBMP/2022-23/IND744/ CALL-2
	3. RE-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF FOLDABLE WHEEL CHAIR	• BBMP/2022-23/IND747/ CALL-2
	4. RE-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF SMART CANE FOR BLIND	• BBMP/2022-23/IND748/ CALL-2
2	Date of Commencement of Download of document from eProcurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**	From 23.08.2022 onwards
3	Last Date and Time for uploading online Queries in eProcurement.	25.08.2022 upto 5:00 p.m.
4	Date and Time of Pre-bid Meeting	25.08.2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the following venue : Office of the AC (Welfare), 2nd Floor, Annexe 2 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002 Ph: 080-22975570, Email id: welfarebbmp@gmail.com
5	Last date and time for uploading of tenders in eProcurement portal for	06.09.2022 upto 5:00 p.m.
6	Date and time of online opening of tender	07.09.2022, 5:30 p.m.
7	Place of Opening of tender	Online at eProcurement portal
8	Address for Communication	Office of the AC (Welfare), 2nd Floor, Annexe2 Building, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002 Ph: 080-22975570, email: welfarebbmp@gmail.com

(1) Tender documents may be downloaded form the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** (2) Other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sd/- AC (Welfare) I/c, BBMP

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IN BRIEF

Register case against Jaleel, court tells police

PATHANAMTHITTA

The Judicial First Class Magistrate Court in Thiruvalla, Kerala, on Tuesday directed the police to register a case against former Minister K.T. Jaleel for his controversial "Azad Kashmir" and "India occupied Kashmir" remarks in a social media post.

Modi to visit Mangaluru on September 2

MANGALURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Mangaluru on September 2, according to MP Nalin Kumar Kateel. He said on Tuesday that Mr. Modi will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate projects worth ₹1,200 crore of New Mangaluru Port Authority on the occasion. He will attend the function and there will be no political rally, the MP said.

Remarks on Prophet: BJP suspends MLA

Raja was arrested, released on bail after his video ignites passions

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

T. Raja Singh, BJP leader and MLA for Goshamahal in Hyderabad, was suspended from the party for his alleged remarks against Prophet Muhammed in a video posted on YouTube.

The party's Central Disciplinary Committee issued a show-cause notice asking him to respond within 10 days why he should not be expelled from the party. Committee member secretary Om Pathak said in the notice: "You have expressed views contrary to the party's position on various matters, which is in clear violation of Rule XXV. 10 (a) of constitution of the party."

Further, Mr. Pathak said: "I have been directed to convey to you that pending further inquiry, you are suspended from the party and from your responsibilities/assignments if any, with immediate effect. Please also show-cause within 10 days from the date of this notice as to why should you not be expelled from the party. Your detailed reply must reach the undersigned no later than September 2, 2022."

Telangana BJP MLA T. Raja Singh being taken away after he was arrested in Hyderabad on Tuesday. •PTI

However, when he was produced before the court, it turned down the remand application of the police for not following proper procedure in arrest and ordered the immediate release of the MLA.

Faruqui's show

The point at issue for Mr. Raja Singh was the Telangana Rashtra Samithi government allowing stand-up comic Munawar Faruqui to perform a show in Hyderabad. The fire-brand leader, prior to the scheduled show on Saturday, had cautioned the organisers, the police and the government, that there would be a severe backlash if the show was allowed.

"How will you invite and allow a person who insulted Hindu gods and goddesses to perform here? We will burn down the venue. If you still go ahead, you will see the reaction on August 22," he had said. With an intention to maintain law and order, several hundred police personnel guarded the venue, detained a few BJP activists and ensured that the show ended peacefully.

Taking on Mr. Faruqui, as stated earlier, Mr. Raja Singh on Monday uploaded a video via 'Shree Ram Channel Telangana' on YouTube "as a reaction to allowing the show."

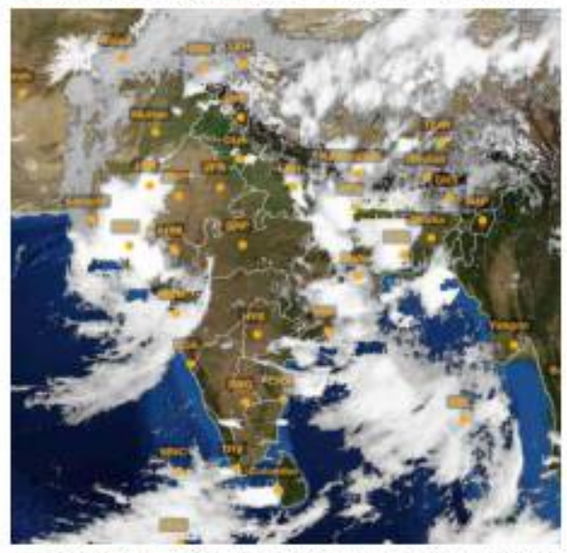
The video which instantly went viral stirred up passions and within hours thousands of angered Muslims assembled outside several police stations, the Police Commissioner's Office over midnight and staged protests demanding immediate arrest of Mr. Raja Singh. Expressing solidarity, complaints were filed at various police stations in Hyderabad. Businesses in parts of the Old City were shut for the day.

According to the FIR registered at Mangalhat police station, a complainant had stated that the Legislator made blasphemous remarks against Prophet Muhammad and his lifestyle. In the 10-minute video, there were also comments ridiculing the attire of the community, the holy book, among other descriptions, it said.

"Did I name any god in the video, or did I even refer to them in any code, like Faruqui vulgarly ridiculed Lord Sri Ram and Seethamma? My counter in that video was in the same language as Faruqui's," Mr. Raja Singh said in another video.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



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Forecast for Thursday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit-Baltistan, Muzaffarabad, Himachal Pradesh, west Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Gangetic West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, interior Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	14.5	35.4	25.8	Kozhikode	104	26.5	23.4
Ahmedabad	2	28.0	25.5	Kurnool	–	34.8	24.6
Aizawl	34	–	20.9	Lucknow	5	34.0	25.4
Allahabad	–	34.5	25.6	Madurai	–	37.8	25.2
Bengaluru	7.8	28.7	20.8	Mangaluru	110.9	27.2	23.0
Bhopal	182.4	26.4	21.8	Mumbai	12	32.5	25.0
Bhubaneswar	–	32.9	25.0	Mysuru	–	32.2	22.0
Chandigarh	–	36.2	27.7	New Delhi	–	35.5	27.2
Chennai	–	36.5	26.2	Patna	–	34.2	28.6
Coimbatore	0.7	31.2	22.0	Port Blair	13	30.6	25.6
Dehradun	–	34.4	25.2	Puducherry	9.3	35.2	23.8
Gangtok	54.2	23.0	18.7	Pune	2.4	28.6	22.4
Goa	4	30.5	25.0	Raipur	7	32.8	23.8
Guwahati	2	34.0	27.6	Ranchi	–	31.2	22.6
Hubballi	–	27.0	22.0	Shillong	12	26.1	18.9
Hyderabad	–	32.0	22.0	Shimla	–	28.0	20.4
Imphal	–	29.0	22.1	Srinagar	–	30.4	19.5
Jaipur	11	26.3	23.8	Thiruvananthapuram	1	29.6	22.8
Kochi	59	27.8	23.0	Tiruchi	0.6	36.0	25.5
Kohima	–	25.2	17.4	Vijayawada	–	35.8	27.0
Kolkata	2	31.1	27.9	Visakhapatnam	–	33.7	28.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	62	36	.32	42	69	
Bengaluru	7	10	.32	90	70	
Chennai	42	32	.23	24	53	
Delhi	6	20	.50	71	121	
Hyderabad	33	22	106	23	59	
Kolkata	4	92	.53	35	39	
Lucknow	7	34	.37	77	79	
Mumbai	6	36	.87	16	12	
Pune	–	26	.65	–	–	
Visakhapatnam	16	40	.28	54	102	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Purnia, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 240 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Gummidipoondi, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 15

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

TRS leader Kavitha to fight against BJP's 'false charges'

BJP linked her name to Delhi liquor policy modifications

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Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) leader and MLC K. Kavitha has decided to fight out the allegations being levelled against her by linking her name to the alleged irregularities in the Delhi liquor policy modifications. She legally filed an injunction petition against the BJP leaders who levelled charges against her.

She alleged that BJP activists had attacked her house on Monday and it was the height of BJP's high-handed and coercive politics.

K. Kavitha

According to Ms. Kavitha's office, an injunction petition was filed before the 9th Additional Chief Judge in the City Civil Courts stating that BJP MP Parvesh Verma and an ex-MLA of BJP from Delhi Manjinder Singh Sirsa had levelled baseless accusations against her in the matter of alleged irregularities in the modification of Delhi liquor policy.

She submitted to the court that the two BJP leaders had wilfully defamed her reputation in public life with their false and baseless allegations by following illegal methods. She appealed to the court to issue direction to the two BJP leaders to tender an unconditional apology to her.

Terms notified for LGBTQIA+ community

The glossary was released at the direction of Madras High Court

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The Tamil Nadu government has notified a glossary of terms in English and Tamil to be used while addressing members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual and others (LGBTQIA+) community.

The Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment notified the terms.

The notification gives a description for terms such as intersex, gender non-conforming person, transgender person, gender non-binary person, gender dysphoria, gender incongruence, gender fluidity, cisgender and pansexuality and also for expressions such as 'coming out' and 'ally'. The glossary was released at the direction of the Madras High Court. "This is an effort to ensure that the LGBTQIA-related terms and words are used uniformly to address the issues related to them, both officially and legally," an official said.

The notification can be accessed on *The Hindu* portal at http://bit.ly/TNGovtLGBTQ.

BJP seeks Governor's intervention

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TS BJP has sought the intervention of Governor Tamilisai Soundarajan to instruct the police to allow their president Bandi Sanjay Kumar's 'Praja Sangrama Yatra' to continue and also provide security for the same.

In a memorandum submitted to the Governor, a copy of which was released to the media, a delegation of leaders led by Rajya Sabha MP K. Laxman, vice president D.K. Aruna, former MPs Vivek Venkatswamy, A.P. Jitender Reddy, Garikipati Mohan Rao, Vijayashanti, ex-MLC N. Ramchander Rao and others, also sought a probe into the "brutal attack" on BJP workers by the police and TRS workers the previous day in the capital.

They also sought an inquiry into the "conspiracy" to attack the walkathon by TRS leaders at Janagon and the circumstances that had led to its disruption and "unwarranted arrest" of Mr. Sanjay Kumar. Dr. Soundarajan's attention was drawn to the "blatant misuse" of police and how the KCR Government has been trying to "muzzle freedom of expression" and "curb democratic protests".

The TRS had been conspiring to disrupt the programme on some pretext or the other, they said. It was "attacked" at Devarauppala Village in Janagon district with the police being "mute spectators" or had "tacitly supported the aggressors". The party workers were also thrashed and arrested when they were protesting before MLC K. Kavitha's house against the Delhi liquor scam.

'Negligence of officials led to death of A.P. tribal girl'

Four siblings were rescued on July 2

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The Andhra Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights expressed concern over the negligence of the Child Care Institution (CCI) and the Women Development and Child Welfare (WD&CW) Department officials on the death of a tribal girl, Vakalamma, on August 19.

The Commission observed that the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and District Child Protection Unit (DCPU) of NTR District, did not keep track of the four Yanadi girls after referring them to the CCI.

SCPCR member B. Padmavathi, who probed the death of the girl, said though the four siblings were rescued from Madhura Nagar Railway Station in Vijayawada on July 2, the CWC had sent the orders to Chiguru Home, Nava Jeevan Bala Bhavan on July 27, on placement of the girls.

"Neither the CWC nor the District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) of NTR district have followed up on the case and on the health condition of girls, who were aged between four and 11, which caused the death," Ms. Padmavathi said.

The Commission observed that the Chiguru Home staff have not intimated the Railway Protection Force, the DCPU, District Probation Officer of the WD&CW Project Director about the death of the girl.

"The officers concerned have not visited Chiguru Home and enquired about the condition of the rescued girls during their 40-day stay, and no health check up was conducted for them at CCI," said Guntur DCPO Ch. Vijay Kumar.

Telangana High Court permits enhanced fee for engg. courses

It is subject to final judgment, says court

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Justice K. Lakshman of Telangana High Court on Tuesday allowed the writ petitions filed by private engineering colleges, permitting them to collect enhanced fees from students.

The enhanced fee was for the block period of 2022-23 to 2024-25. The judge, however, made it clear that the collection of fee was subject to the final judgement to be delivered.

The judge said the colleges should indicate to the students about their pending petitions and the court's interim order so that the latter can exercise their options. The differential amount between the enhanced fees and the previous fees should be kept in the accounts of the colleges.

They should submit an undertaking to this extent to the Principal Secretary of Higher Education, the judge said. Though the colleges are permitted to collect the enhanced fees from the students, they should refund the excess amount if the Telangana Admission and Fee Regulatory Committee finally fixes fee less than the enhanced fees.

Details of the refund of the excess amount with proper acknowledgment to the students should be furnished to the court through an affidavit, the judge said. Private engineering colleges moved the HC over the TAFC not fixing and notifying fee for engineering courses for the block period of 2022-23 to 2024-25.

The petitioners requested the HC to direct the government and the TAFC to permit them to collect the enhanced fees for different courses proposed during the personal hearings conducted by the TAFC. The counsels for the engineering colleges contended that the TAFC had recorded the hike in fees proposed by the colleges.

However, the TAFC did not take steps to fix the fee and the notify the same. Meanwhile, the TSEAMCET 2022 Convenor issued notification for conducting phase-wise counselling for admissions into engineering courses.

The judge said in his order that it is TAFC's duty to determine the fee structure every three years.

Unfortunately, it had failed to observe that role of determining fee structure for the block period of 2022-23- 2024-25, the order said.

'Eradicate police orderly system within 4 months'

Direction issued to police heads, govt.

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The Madras High Court has directed the Tamil Nadu government, the Director-General of Police and the Commissioner of the Greater Chennai Police to ensure that a 1979 Government Order abolishing the orderly system is implemented in letter and in spirit in the next four months, and that no police personnel is made to do household work at the residences of top officers.

Justice S.M. Subramaniam directed the government and the two heads of the department to withdraw the orderlies forthwith, "as it amounts to an illegality". He ordered that an inquiry be held, followed by disciplinary action, on receipt of complaints of misconduct against higher officers.

The government was directed to identify all those illegally occupying police residential quarters and evict them. The orders were passed while the court was disposing of a 2014 writ petition filed by Deputy Superintendent of Police U. Manickavel, who had not vacated the residential quarters in Chennai even several years after his transfer to Kancheepuram district.

During the course of hearing, the judge had questioned the government for not taking action against top officers who engage trained police personnel in household work despite the 1979 G.O., and those who use black sun films even on official vehicles.

He also passed a few interim orders leading to the Home Secretary as well as the DGP swinging into action by issuing circulars against the use of policemen for household work.

Kerala to forge ahead with Vizhinjam port

Church cautions of intensive agitation; Oppn. stages walkout

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The Kerala government has dug in its heels in on the position that the administration and the Adani group will forge ahead with the construction of the Vizhinjam port despite protests by the Thiruvananthapuram Latin Catholic archdiocese-backed coastal community.

The government laid its cards in the Assembly on Tuesday while rejecting an Opposition motion to adjourn the House to discuss the government's failure to rehabilitate fishers displaced by the mega project. However, the administration said it was open to discussions with the protestors.

The diocese's increasingly strident demand to halt the breakwater construction and conduct an environmental and social impact study before executing the scheme had prompted the United Democratic Front (UDF) motion.

Later, the Opposition walked out of the House, accusing the government of betraying the coastal community. Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan said the government and Adani group spoke in the same voice. He warned the emotive protests would spiral out of control unless the government took all stakeholders into confidence.

The church cautioned the laity would block the capital's thoroughfares with fishing boats and nets during Onam celebrations if the government did not climb down. It claimed other communities would join the strike.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan termed the agitation "anti-people and anti-development." He said no fisherman would lose his livelihood or home to the Vizhinjam project. The government would rehabilitate them.

Not given up SilverLine: CM

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The Kerala government has not abandoned the proposed SilverLine project. Permission will have to be given for the project; if not now, then in future, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has said.

He was replying to questions about the project being forced on the people, during the Question Hour in the Assembly on Tuesday.

Mr. Vijayan said the SilverLine project would help the State in its development. Initial indications were that the Union government would give its nod for the project. However, some issues had led it to hesitate. Permission for the project would have to be given at some stage. But with the Union government not ready to give the go-ahead as yet, the State could not oppose it and move forward, the Chief Minister stated.

'Will ensure punishment in Madhu case'

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All steps will be taken to ensure that the accused in the Madhu lynching case at Attappady got deserving punishment, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has said. He was replying to a question on witnesses turning hostile in the case during Question Hour in the Assembly.

He said a witness protection cell had been set up by the Palakkad District and Sessions Court to provide help to witnesses and the prosecution in the case.

It was on February 22, 2018 that Madhu, a tribesman, was killed after he was caught, tied, and beaten up by a group of people alleging theft.

Wild elephant dies after falling into septic tank in Thrissur

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A wild elephant met with a tragic end on Tuesday after falling into an abandoned septic tank at Pothenchira, a village near the Vellikulangara forest range in Kerala's Thrissur.

The pachyderm was found dead in the compound owned by Yohannan Panjikkaran in the morning. The front portion of its body, including the trunk and the forelimbs, were inside the tank.

According to local residents, wild elephants had been frequently straying into human habitations at Vellikulangara for the past few years. Three elephants had been camping in the area for the last two weeks, laying waste to crops and damaging rubber trees, coconut trees and plantains.

It is suspected that the old concrete slab of the septic tank must have collapsed when the elephant stepped on it. The forest authorities have taken steps to recover the carcass from the tank.

Sad end: The elephant that fell into a septic tank at Pothenchira in Thrissur on Tuesday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Reviewing remission

SC should lay down norms for release of convicts on remission

Public-spirited activists have done well to challenge in the Supreme Court the premature release of 11 convicts who were serving life terms for the gang-rape of a woman and the murder of at least seven people during the 2002 anti-Muslim pogrom in Gujarat. Bilkis Bano, the survivor, has not moved the courts so far, but it is clear that the controversial order of the Gujarat government, granting remission to the convicts, should be subject to judicial review. That those found guilty of multiple murders, including that of a three-year-old child, and a gang-rape, were found suitable candidates for premature release is unacceptable. Even otherwise there are specific legal grounds to question the government's decision. The remission was based on a direction from a two-judge Bench of the Supreme Court on a petition by one of the convicts. The question to be decided was whether the Gujarat government or the Maharashtra government was the appropriate government for considering their plea for remission. The Court ruled that the State government of Gujarat, where the crime occurred, should consider the matter, and not Maharashtra, the State to which the trial was transferred by the Supreme Court to ensure an impartial trial. While passing this order, the Bench also said the remission should be considered under a policy framed in July 1992, as that was the prevailing policy on the date of their 2008 conviction. This meant that the bar on granting remission to those convicted for murder and rape, found in the current policy, will not apply to these convicts.

There are at least two grounds on which the remission order appears illegal. First, the State government made a decision on its own without consulting with the Centre. Under Section 435 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, such consultation with the Centre is mandatory in cases probed by the CBI. Further, the composition of the committee that recommended remission for the convicts consisted of two BJP legislators. Ideally, a remission panel should comprise senior government officials in charge of home or law, a district judge, the prison superintendent, and officers who deal with probation and rehabilitation of offenders. The presence of political members certainly vitiates its decision. Further, it appears that the objection of the district judge concerned was disregarded, casting a shadow on the legitimacy of the remission. It will be appropriate if the Supreme Court constitutes a Bench of sufficient size to reconsider judgments that allow the remission policy obtaining on the date of conviction, instead of the policy currently in force; as well as decide the question of whether the 'appropriate government' should be the one in the State where the crime took place, or the State to which the trial was transferred on judicial orders. It can also spell out the contours of a rational remission policy, one that will be informed by humanitarian considerations as well as the scope for reform of the offenders and their sense of remorse.

Sporting trouble

The Supreme Court did well to hand over the daily affairs of AIFF to its administration

The Supreme Court of India's order on Monday terminating the mandate of the Committee of Administrators (CoA) to temporarily manage the All India Football Federation (AIFF) is set to pave the way for ending India's international isolation. World football's governing body FIFA had suspended the AIFF on August 15 citing "undue interference from a third party" and made a decision reversal conditional on the full repeal of the CoA's mandate and the handing back of the AIFF's daily affairs to the AIFF administration. Both these conditions have been met, alongside key amendments to the draft constitution as desired by FIFA - limiting the electoral college to just State association nominees and instead giving players representation as nominated members in the Executive Committee. There are still points of friction over calculation of term limits and the 'one person, one post' principle in the draft constitution. But these are unlikely to foil India's rehabilitation and its attempts to win back U-17 Women's World Cup hosting rights. There are apprehensions that the disbanding of the CoA will have an impact on other sports such as hockey and table tennis, which are also functioning under court-appointed committees. But it is to be noted that the Court merely ended the CoA's tenure and did not nullify all of its actions. The AIFF will still be guided by the draft constitution the CoA helped finalise, albeit with a few amendments.

While the AIFF seems to have weathered the storm, the suspension, however brief it may turn out to be, has come at an enormous cost for the women of Gokulam Kerala FC, whose dreams of competing in their maiden AFC Asian Women's Club Championship were shattered. The Union Sports Ministry should play a more active role in ensuring that the athletes and the sport are protected. The whole saga has its roots in the erstwhile AIFF establishment's non-adherence to the National Sports Development Code for 18 months. The Sports Code is a government-mandated regulation, and the onus is on the Ministry to crack the whip on erring federations. But it seemingly did not act until the matter reached the highest court and it sensed that India would lose out on the World Cup. As in the case of the AIFF, the Indian Olympic Association has been in the dock and the Delhi High Court duly placed it under a CoA. The Supreme Court has since ordered status quo for at least four more weeks. It would be prudent for all stakeholders to use this time to put the house in order.

The case of the missing scientific Indian

India has failed to propagate scientific literacy not only among the public, but also among scientists themselves

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This 75th year of Independence is a major milestone for India; a time to take stock of the developments in various spheres over the last seven decades. Sadly, with some notable exceptions such as this newspaper, the print and electronic media have not really taken stock of what has happened to science education in this country. While politicians, writers, artists, actors and other celebrities have been given their due, science and scientists seem to have been largely ignored. The general apathy towards science, and the lack of scientific temper among the public and politicians, is a poor commentary on the Indian sensibility.

The loss of a scientific temper

Although India has made some significant scientific advances in research fields such as molecular biology, agricultural/pharmaceutical science, and solid-state chemistry, and some creditable leaps in space, nuclear science, and information technology, it has failed to propagate scientific literacy not only among the public, but also among scientists themselves. Parliament underscored our commitment to propagate scientific temper by including it as a duty in Article 51A of the Constitution through the 42nd Amendment. Article 51A says, "It shall be the duty of every citizen of India to develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform."

But despite these efforts, scientific temper has continued to remain a lofty ideal and has not really percolated into society. This has left much of our national psyche a prisoner of obscurantism and paved the way for retrogressive religion-based politics at the expense of constitutionally guaranteed secular values. A solid foundation for modern science was built by scientists in the 1950s and 1960s, facilitated by the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru. So, what went wrong?

A part of the problem may lie with scientists themselves and the science academies they belong to. Scientists half-heartedly stood up for scientific causes, even when the situations demanded that they fully do so. The eminent molecular biologist, Pushpa Bhargava, in an article titled 'Scientists without a scientific temper' in The Hindu on January 17, 2015, said, "...The bulk of scientists in the country, including many who were occupying high positions, were themselves not committed to scientific temper which calls for rationality, reason and lack of belief in any dogma, superstition or manifest falsehood."

In 1994, Bhargava resigned from all the three academies – the Indian National Science Academy, the Indian Academy of Sciences, and the National Academy of Sciences – protesting their lack of commitment to "science-related social problems". He also wrote in the 2015 article that India had not produced any Nobel Prize winner in science since 1930 "largely because of the lack of a scientific environment in the country, of which scientific temper would be an important component." Like sport, which requires an athletic culture, science will flourish only if a scientific temper is generated across the country. It is the job of

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the science academies to chip in and inspire the country to attain greater science literacy among the public. This will perhaps better justify their existence.

Pseudoscience is everywhere

Several years ago, when some Christian revivalist groups in the U.S. were fighting tooth and nail to bring Creationism into the science curriculum as an alternate theory to the scientific theory of origin of human species, the National Academy of Sciences released a statement. It concluded, "No body of beliefs that has its origin in doctrinal material rather than scientific observation, interpretation, and experimentation should be admissible as science in any science course. Incorporating the teaching of such doctrines into a science curriculum compromises the objectives of public education. Science has been greatly successful at explaining natural processes, and this has led not only to increased understanding of the universe but also to major improvements in technology and public health and welfare. The growing role that science plays in modern life requires that science, and not religion, be taught in science classes."

Pseudoscience is everywhere, whether in denying the science of climate change or the evolution theory that explains the secret of diversity that we see around us. India is no exception in providing a fertile ground for pseudoscience to prevail. Many attempts have been made to include pseudoscience in science curricula here. Last year, a course in astrology was introduced in a national open university. There is official backing of the theory that cow excreta has therapeutic properties despite no scientific validation of this. Official circulars quote ancient texts to support the curative properties of cow urine for ailments. Would our science academies express a critical attitude in such situations? Although we made bold steps in developing an ambience of science, we faltered after the 1960s, primarily because our leadership lacked a sense of destiny. This was compounded by India's intelligentsia, who were more interested in self-aggrandisement, and by an unimaginative rule-bound bureaucracy.

Onslaught of disinformation

"Science is a way of thinking much more than it is a body of knowledge," wrote Carl Sagan. Simplifying the intricacies of science in a format that is best understood by the public is an art. But we also have to make our compatriots appreciate the role of science as a reasoning strategy that will help people take evidence-based decisions against the current onslaught of fake news, conspiracy theories and manufactured 'truths' – the downside of the information revolution. The irrationality that produces a warped world view is not a new thing, but dissemination of such material is faster and reaches millions of consumers in seconds thanks to Information Technology. We are also seeing how disinformation weakens human rights and many elements of democracy.

We are up against a whole load of cognitive biases that encourage pseudoscience. The scientists who became celebrated communicators in the western world – Carl Sagan, Stephen Hawking, Steven Weinberg, Stephen Jay Gould, Carlo Rovelli, Richard Dawkins, Neil deGrasse Tyson and Jim Al-Khalili – and our own scientists – Yash Pal, Pushpa Bhargava and Jayant Narlikar – have been hammering on one single predominant idea, which is to develop a knack for critical thinking using the time-tested and highly successful methodologies followed in science.

How do we explain this refusal of politicians and administrators to move away from their blind beliefs even while such beliefs are stacked against scientifically proven facts? How do we explain the refusal to see objective reality as well as the tendency to cling to one's own beliefs even after receiving contradictory evidence? The less people know, the more they perceive themselves to be experts these days. This is thanks to a combination of poor self-awareness and low cognitive ability. Conversely, the more people know about something, the more uncertain they become and end up as the biblical 'doubting Thomas'.

This 75th year of Independence should not be merely a flag-waving event, marked by self-congratulatory notes and speeches of achievements or ancient greatness. It should be seen as an opportunity for India to critically assess its successes and failures and prepare for a promising future. Science and scientific literacy have a key role in bringing home that future.

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The implications of the 5G roll-out for law enforcement

With a shaky cyber security foundation, the impact on crime and criminals could be serious

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently announced that 5G deployment in India will commence sooner than expected. Reports suggest that the government will launch 5G at the inauguration of the India Mobile Congress on September 29. The long-awaited upgrade from 4G to 5G will allow ultra-fast Internet speeds and seamless connectivity across the country compared to 4G. The implications of the 5G roll-out could be significant, particularly for law enforcement in India.

Ensuring security

On the one hand, the 5G roll-out is set to enhance efficiency, productivity, and security by helping the police access critical information in real-time and nab criminals. 5G has high bandwidth and low latency, so its adoption would ensure the best performance of police devices such as body cams, facial recognition technology, automatic number-plate recognition, drones, and CCTVs. 5G promises to transmit clearer images. This will simplify the task of the police who, at present, often look at hazy images from devices and attempt to decipher them while working on cases. The increased storage capacity promised by 5G will allow the police to streamline their investigation methods. 5G will also allow rapid and secure communication within the organisation as well as between civilians and emergency responders. With 5G, the police can remotely access and analyse crime data and information from other infrastructure such as traffic lights.

But there are challenges in adopting 5G. The government and telecommmunication companies must first ensure that law enforcement agencies have the necessary infrastructure to take full advantage of all that 5G can offer. Even if law enforcement agencies get access to secure data from telecom operators, they will still need tools to access this data. Also, most police systems are outdated and may not be compatible with 5G. To bridge this technology gap, the police must invest in modern tools, software and infrastructure. They require funds to do this.

Cyber security concerns

As many have pointed out, there are many concerns about 5G too. The first is, of course, cyber security. Deploying 5G when we have a shaky cyber security foundation is like erecting a structure on soft sand. As the previous networks were hardware-based, India could practise cyber hygiene. But 5G is a software-defined digital routing. This makes it susceptible to cyber threats such as botnet attacks, man-in-the-middle attacks, and distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) overloads. Besides, as 5G lacks end-to-end encryption, hackers can plot their attacks more precisely and perpetrate cybercrimes by hacking into systems or disseminating illegal content. The bandwidth expansion due to 5G will enable criminals to embezzle data bases easily. With time, as 5G connects with additional devices, the frequency of attacks could increase.

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The impact that the roll-out of 5G in India could have on crime and criminals is pretty obvious and should be taken seriously. For example, a person could set up a fake 5G tower on top of a public building and manipulate it to intercept private phone calls or send fake messages. Or he could steal a person's phone, sign in to his 5G connection with an existing account, gain access to the person's data or make purchases using the person's credit card. Criminals could use 5G to conceal their activities or mask their location. They could use 5G to locate their victims quickly and track their movements and coordinate onslaughts through real-time communication with each other. There could be a lower probability of criminals getting caught when they commit identity theft or credit card fraud or steal information from computers, smartphones and tablets.

5G may also make it easier for criminals to perpetrate cyber bullying. Criminal groups may be able to easily coordinate DDoS onslaughts because of the real-time communication capabilities between multiple criminal groups. They could also hack into Internet-of-Things (IoT) devices and remotely commit crimes. For example, they could hack into a victim's vehicle and cause an accident in order to collect insurance money, or hack into smart homes and smart cars to loot personal information, or inflict physical crimes. Security patching of all IoT devices may eventually become necessary.

Terrorists, too, could benefit from 5G as the high speed would allow them to execute attacks more rapidly and precisely. With 5G, terrorists can plan attacks without having to travel physically or use telephones, which could leave a trail for law enforcement agencies to act on.

Fighting new-age crimes

Therefore, authorities will have to adopt measures to hinder crimes facilitated by 5G technology. First, the police will need to be trained so that they recognise new 5G-enabled crimes. Second, training programmes focusing on such crimes must be developed. This includes identifying potential scenarios for new types of crimes and their prevention. Third, the government and telecom companies could think of setting up a 5G crime monitoring task force to monitor and identify new crimes and develop countermeasures. Fourth, it is imperative to create regulations that make it a crime for people to use 5G technology to commit crimes. Such a regulation could help prevent criminals from using stolen or counterfeit equipment since telecom companies will be able to track the location of the equipment and shut it down remotely. Fifth, regulations may also require telecom companies to allow police officers access to their equipment to track the location of victims and perpetrators of 5G-facilitated crimes for countermeasures. These countermeasures may not only safeguard critical infrastructure but also defend private citizens from cyber-attacks using 5G technology. Finally, law enforcement agencies will have to evolve strategies to identify victims of 5G-facilitated crimes, locate them and take action against the perpetrators of such crimes.

The 5G roll-out will be a game-changer for law enforcement agencies. It will enable the police fight crime effectively. At the same time, criminal use of 5G is inevitable. In this context, the recent recommendation of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India to the government to develop a national road map for India to implement 5G in the best possible manner should encompass law enforcement requirements.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Facing nature's wrath

Over the past few years, we have seen many natural disasters in hilly areas ("Factoring in the risk," Aug. 23). Illegal construction and deforestation are primarily the reasons for these. Interference in the name of development in sensitive mountain zones has disturbed the ecological balance. The government must prioritise saving the environment.

SANDEEP RAWAT,
Chandigarh

Boosting tourism cannot be at the expense of the environment. It would be a good idea to ban all construction for about five years so that the region will has time to heal itself.

ANTHONY HENRIQUES,
Mumbai

Quitting Congress

While Ghulam Nabi Azad and Anand Sharma have quit key posts in the Congress, Kapil Sibal quit the party itself ("In jolt to Congress, Anand Sharma quits key post," Aug. 22). It is sad that all these senior leaders, who have no mass following, have left the party. Why couldn't they have given space to new leaders and become their mentors? Y.S Rajasekhara Reddy entered the Congress in 1978 and kept winning from his constituency. He stayed with the party even when it was not in power and went on to become Chief Minister only in 2004. The BJP itself had tried for many years before becoming a formidable opponent of the Congress. Why can't Congress leaders try harder? If the party is only preoccupied with placating unhappy seniors, how will it fight the BJP?

N. NAGARAJAN,
Secunderabad

Use of central agencies

It is no secret that central agencies are being used by the Union government to harass and threaten Opposition leaders who raise their voice against the ruling dispensation or are seen as threats ("I am a Rajput, won't bow before the corrupt: Sisodia," Aug. 23). Once these leaders switch over to the ruling party, all the cases against them are not pursued or are closed. In other words, whether or not Manish Sisodia's allegations are true, it is a fact that the BJP is strengthening itself by drawing able leaders from other Opposition parties by using government machinery. West Bengal MLA Suvendu Adhikari, who was allegedly involved in the Saradha scam, is not being relentlessly hounded, perhaps because he belongs to the BJP.

D. SETHURAMAN,
Chennai

No alternative

It is premature to predict what may happen in 2024 ("How narratives might change in 2024", Aug. 23). The Opposition is in disarray. The Congress can't even seem to find a capable leader to lead it. The Trinamool Congress is on the back foot with many of its leaders mired in corruption cases. The NCP, which was instrumental in fashioning an unlikely coalition of parties in Maharashtra and was expected to play a key role in uniting the Opposition, has been ousted from power. AAP is trying to expand further and seems to want to challenge the BJP on its own. It's facing its own challenges now. JD(U)'s Nitish Kumar has done so many somersaults in his political career that it is difficult for the Opposition to trust him. What kind of unity can then be expected from these parties? People may be disenchanted with the ruling dispensation, but where is the alternative?

KOSARAJU CHANDRAMOULI,
Hyderabad

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Are freebies a way to mask state inaction?

Ultimately, the voter suffers in the form of higher taxes or the opportunity cost of less development

FEROZE VARUN GANDHI

Quick-fix: Disenchanted voters look for short-term benefits instead of building state capacity in a way that meaningfully improves their lives. • FILE PHOTO

In March 2021, Thulam Saravanan, a legislative Assembly candidate for the Madurai South constituency in Tamil Nadu, offered extraordinary sops such as ₹1 crore and a car worth ₹20 lakh for each household, a robot for every homemaker, ₹1 crore to youth looking to start a business, a 100-day trip to the moon, a 300-feet artificial glacier to keep people cool etc. He lost the polls. Nevertheless, his promises weren't far off from those of the major political parties in power. In promising freebies, parody has increasingly meshed with reality.

All political parties offer freebies now. In 1967, DMK founder C.N. Annadurai promised a ₹4.5 kg bag of rice at ₹1 if his party was elected to power. His campaign, for "three measures of rice for ₹1", saw the party sweep the elections. The party could provide just 1 kg of rice for ₹1 instead. Once launched, the scheme continued to grow, with ₹146 crore allocated in July 2020 to provide 5 kg of free rice per person to all PMKAY cardholders in Tamil Nadu.

Over time, freebies expanded beyond rice, to gas stoves, colour TVs, laptops, payments for household work etc. Spreading beyond Tamil Nadu, the trend has caught on in other States as well - the Delhi government has notably offered water and electricity (up to a certain limit) free for the city's voters; the Himachal Pradesh government is offering locals free power upto 125 units, along with free water in villages and a 50% discount in bus fares for women; in Assam, the State government has announced direct and indirect cash benefit schemes worth ₹6,000 crore impacting nine lakh beneficiaries. This begs the question - has an entitlement mentality been encouraged, creating a cradle-to-grave welfare state?

Of course, welfarism as a political philosophy has long roots - whether in the West or in India. Our political economy is riven with such schemes - whether one calls them freebies, loan write-offs, waivers or simply direct transfers.

Every year, governments at the Centre and State expand the distribution of private goods such as LPG cylinders to ordinary citizens, while offering subsidies and in some cases covering the full cost. Does a shift to such policies mean that Indian policymakers have simply given up on tackling poverty and inequality? Instead of pushing for building public assets, social capacity and society, India's policymakers seem to have pivoted towards direct transfers and welfarism (via distribution of private goods for free). Is the state only going to be compensatory in nature in the future, in lieu of government inaction and a lack of focus on delivering good public services?

Costs and consequences

Over time, such frivolous promises have had consequences - Andhra Pradesh annually spends close to ₹1.62 lakh crore across various such schemes; the push in Punjab to offer free electricity to 51 lakh households will inevitably add to the unpaid dues to the tune of ₹7,117 crore of the State discom (Shroff, Kaushal, August 2022); five States, namely Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Punjab are noted to have raised ₹47,316 crore over a period of two years by mortgaging public assets (Batra, Shubham, August 2022).

Many States will find recently announced freebies difficult to fund - for example Andhra Pradesh announced freebies in FY23 that would consume almost 30.3% of its own tax revenue; for Madhya Pradesh, this figure was close to 28.8%; for Punjab this was around 45.4%; and for West Bengal, it came to 23.8% (RBI Bulletin, June 2022). Over the past five years, banks have written off loans worth ₹10 lakh crore, with the share of public sector banks in such NPA write-offs typically between 60% and 80%. And yet, the freebie culture continues to be promoted.

Of course, not every scheme or manifesto promise is a freebie - some parties may offer free electricity, LPG cylinders, public transportation and loan waivers; other schemes are more focused on the development and capital expenditure.

Free food at schools for students, as offered under the mid-day meal scheme, should not be classified as a freebie, given that it helps improve the health of our children. Under K. Kamaraj, the third Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the mid-day meal scheme was launched in municipality schools, with funding coming mostly from public donations (later supplemented by Centre and State funds). The impact was immediate, with student attendance going up twofold on days when the mid-day meal scheme was in place. Any scheme that offers significantly positive social externality (compared to other initiatives) should not be considered a freebie.

Reforming this will require initiatives on multiple tracks. Governments (whether State or Centre) announcing freebies should be required to provide a funding plan to bolster Parliament (and State Assembly) budgetary understanding and enhance their ability to act. A Budgetary Office should be established to aid in writing policies and conducting budgetary analysis.

The way out

Given the difficulty in classifying a scheme as "essential" or a "freebie", governments should be statutorily bound towards key financial indicators such as government debt-to-GDP ratio, revenue expenditure as a percentage of government income, revenue collection efficiency etc. Transfers towards capital expenditure schemes should be prioritised over other schemes. Banning political parties for promising freebies would be a step too far and hence, the Election Commission should push political parties to provide a funding mechanism for such promises.

More importantly, we need to have a conversation within and between political parties. Making such promises is an insult to voters, when many such promises are simply left unfulfilled. Meanwhile, for those promises that are fulfilled, over time the ordinary voter has to pay the cost in the form of higher taxes or the opportunity cost of less development. Changing this political culture will require governments to stick to fiscal probity and make credible policies – something that has been rarely seen in our polity. Enacting a scheme to win the next election, while enabling generational theft is something that should be taboo.

There should be a debate on this culture of entitlement among the voters as well. They have been disappointed for so long with Indian policymakers that they would rather seek short-term benefits instead of a push to build state capacity in a way that meaningfully improves their lives. A different state and society could emerge through such conversations - one which provides a network of competent public hospitals, high-quality schools and provides an enabling environment for the working population to build skills, save up and invest. Rejuvenating India must be our singular aim for the next quarter century.

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BJP's nationalism and the Opposition's predicament

Parties are yet to figure out a way to counter BJP's strategy

SANJAY KUMAR

The most important reason why the Opposition parties, more so the Congress party, have failed to put up a challenge to the BJP in the national election is their inability to counter the saffron party's nationalistic agenda. Since coming to power at the Centre in 2014, the BJP has made several appeals to the people to perform activities that have helped build the party's image that it is the upholder of nationalism in India.

Over the past few years, with the appeals and initiatives of Prime Minister Narendra Modi – such as the chanting of "*Bharat Mata Ki Jai*" in public places and encouraging people to aggressively campaign for respecting the national anthem – the BJP seems to have employed nationalism as an effective tool to mobilise popular support.

Concerted campaigns

Even earlier, the Prime Minister's appeal for "Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" and "Yoga Divas" had found resonance with a large number of people. His "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign was only the latest in such efforts.

From the start, the Opposition parties were on the backfoot, for opposing the campaign would have meant being branded anti-national and supporting it would have meant supporting his policy. In the end, the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign helped the BJP completely monopolise the issue of nationalism, leaving the Opposition clueless.

There is enough evidence to suggest that such initiatives of Mr. Modi have not helped in boosting the country's prospects. But they have certainly helped in deepening the feeling of nationalism among the people.

Evidence from surveys conducted across States gives a clear indication of the people's anxieties about various issues. Of the 30 Assembly elections held in the past few years, in almost all the States, the voters expressed concern about rising prices and increased unemployment. Yet, the BJP registered significant electoral successes.

In the recent Assembly polls, the BJP managed to retain power in all four States despite more than 80% of people expressing concern about rising prices. It is also important to note that the BJP's national vote share almost doubled from 18.6% in 2009 to 37.4% in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Indians voted for the BJP in 2014 in a big way not because they supported the party's nationalistic agenda, but because of the anti-incumbency against the UPA government. Supporters of many non-BJP parties including the Congress, especially their traditional supporters – Dalits, Adivasis and OBCs – voted for the BJP. Since then, Opposition parties have tried to reconnect with their voters by highlighting the issues of price rise and unemployment, only to come up short in front of the BJP's nationalistic fervour.

Numbers speak

Evidence from the Lokniti-CSDS-Azim Premji University (APU) study suggests that advocacy for chanting '*Bharat Mata Ki Jai*' is widely approved by Indians. Exactly 50% of the people surveyed favoured punishment for those who did not chant *Bharat Mata ki Jai*, while only about 28% opposed punishment.

The national anthem has long been viewed as a symbol of national unity. It is customary to sing the national anthem at public events. The survey indicates that 59% supported punishment for those who did not stand up during the national anthem while 23% opposed it.

The Opposition parties' inability to counter the BJP's politics of nationalism is evident from their reaction to the two important decisions of the BJP after it got re-elected in 2019 – dilution of Article 370 and construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

Most Opposition parties failed to oppose these policies. On Article 370, there are disagreements over the measures accompanying the dilution and the subsequent policy of the government, but hardly any party has demanded that Article 370 be reinstated. Similarly, most political parties welcomed the Supreme Court's judgment in the Ram Janmabhoomi case and were seen trying to show their support for the temple before the bhoomi poojan in Ayodhya.

Between 2014 and 2019, the BJP has managed a phenomenal expansion of its support base in rural India while keeping its support base in the urban parts intact. The BJP's ideological assertion by using nationalist symbols has led to a paradigmatic shift in Indian politics. In the past few years, freedom of choice on nationalistic expression has also become a contentious issue. There is little doubt that the "*Har Ghar Tiranga*" campaign will only help the BJP reap electoral dividends in the upcoming elections.

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STATE OF PLAY

A dangerous drift in Kashmir

The Central government's new political project in Kashmir has civilians in the militants' crosshairs

PEERZADA ASHIQ

The policies and political projects being pursued by the BJP-led central government in Jammu and Kashmir post-August 5, 2019 – when the erstwhile State's seven decades-long special constitutional position came to an end – have put unarmed and innocent civilians in the crosshairs of armed militants in Kashmir like never before.

There is an unprecedented push from New Delhi to achieve BJP's ideological goal to turn the homogenous complexion of the Valley into a heterogeneous one, a bid to end the long-protected nativism of the people of the Kashmir valley. For many in the BJP, a cosmopolitan Kashmir may bring a final settlement to the political problem brewing in the region since Partition.

The framing of new liberal and permissive laws is premised on the grant of land, jobs, citizenship, voting rights and industry, and it has been mainly to woo outsiders, including investors from Muslim countries such as the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

However, the growing violence is an indicator that the civilians have found themselves at the centre of the BJP's iron-handed efforts to erase the memory of secessionism and create a new memory in favour of a cosmopolitan Kashmir. According to official figures, around 121 civilians, including six Kashmiri Pandits, 16 Hindus and Sikhs have been killed in Jammu and Kashmir since 2019.

Unstoppable killings of migrant workers and members of minority communities in Kashmir should worry the ruling political party in New Delhi more than the security agencies.

Equally worrisome is the inability of the local political players and the civil society to act as a pressure group to arrest this dangerous trend of targeted killings. The inability to do so, however, could be attributed to the Centre's tough policy to ensure the agency of the local political leadership, whether mainstream or separatists, and deny, since 2019, the same for civil society in Kashmir.

Attacks also came after the three decades that it took to see over 5,500 Pandit families return to the Valley. These efforts were driven by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, whose engagements with multiple sections of Kashmir and back channel dialogue with Pakistan provided a conducive atmosphere to heal the wounds of Pandits.

The killings of minorities post-2019 have a discernible pattern to it. Satpal Nischal, 62, became the first victim of targeted killing on December 31, 2020. The killing came weeks after Nischal reportedly acquired a domicile certificate in the wake of the nullification of the Permanent Resident Certificate [PRC]. Only residents of Jammu and Kashmir living here for generations were eligible for a PRC. However, the PRC was abolished after 2019 and a domicile certificate was introduced.

Another string of attacks on Pandits and migrant labourers started in October 2021, including the killing of Pandit chemist Makhan Lal Bindroo in Srinagar. The multiple attacks followed the announcement by J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on September 7, 2021, to set up an online portal for a time-bound redressal of grievances related to Kashmir migrants' properties and encroached land.

Post-August 5, the Kashmir issue is slipping into a new paradigm of being a Muslim issue. Demography, and not identity, has taken a central stage in Kashmir's discourse now. Thus, this paradigm shift is fast pushing Kashmir into religious binaries. It's a dangerous drift that may suit none.

The turn militancy is taking, if not addressed, is likely to change the way that the Kashmir problem is viewed to something more akin to the situation during 1990-2019: a political problem that needs a political solution.

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DATA POINT

Cost of war

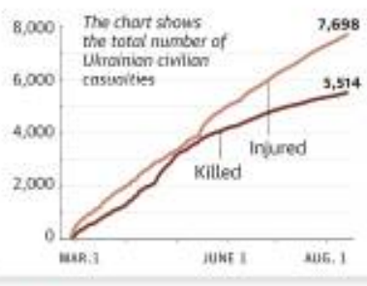
Six months since the start of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, the end of war is nowhere in sight. According to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), more than 5,500 civilians have been killed. The actual numbers are believed to be considerably higher. Over 6.5 million refugees have fled Ukraine, with most of them seeking protection in Europe. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has stoked food inflation in several countries due to a supply shortage. At present, there is a significant drop after the prices peaked in March 2022.

By **Rebecca Rose Varghese**

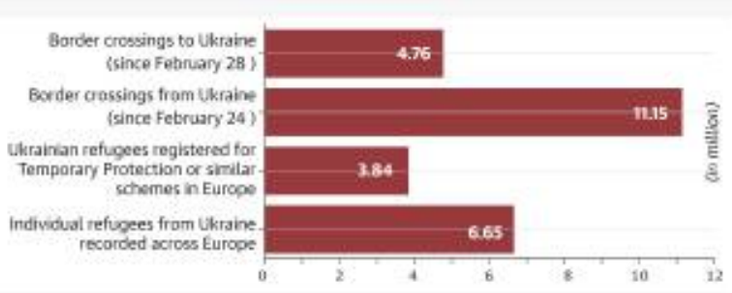
On the move: Children evacuate Irpin, northwest of Kyiv, during heavy shelling and bombing on March 5 in Ukraine. • AFP

1 Ukraine invasion
The map shows the regions captured by Russia in the 181 days since the war began on February 24, 2022. Cities like Mariupol and Kherson have been captured by the Russian troops

2 Victims of war | More than 5,500 people have been killed, while more than 7,500 have been injured due to the Ukraine-Russia war



3 Displaced refugees
More than 6.65 million refugees from Ukraine have fled to various parts of Europe due to the escalation of the conflict with Russia. The chart shows the number of people who have travelled across the Ukrainian borders and the number of Ukrainians seeking refuge in Europe between February 24 and August 2022



Far from normal
4 After an all-time high in March 2022 due to the supply shortage caused by the war, FAO's food price index has eased, though it is yet to return to normal. The index measures the changes in the international prices of a basket of commonly-traded food commodities

Source: OHCHR, Graphic News, FAO

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO AUGUST 24, 1972

Republicans Nominate Nixon for Second Term

WASHINGTON, Aug 23, A confident and jubilant Republican Party last night renominated incumbent President Richard Nixon for a second term in the White House. The vote at the Miami convention was almost unanimous, with only one solitary vote being cast against Mr. Nixon by a supporter of Mr. Paul McClosky, an anti-war Republican who had campaigned unsuccessfully in the primaries. Mr. Nixon thus pulled off something akin to a hart-trick --he has now been chosen to lead the party three times in 12 years. The task of formally proposing Mr. Nixon's name for renomination fell to Governor Nelson Rockfeller, a liberal who has now abandoned his opposition to the conservative wing of the party, thus signified his total conversion to the Republican mainstream. Yesterday, he praised Mr. Nixon for bringing the country to the threshold of peace and said "America needs this man of faith". Without any opposition, the convention yesterday also adopted a party platform which embodies Mr. Nixon's policies and programmed and tailored specifically for his coming campaign against Senator George McGovern. While the convention itself went smoothly, several hundred anti-Nixon demonstrators tried to storm the gates of the convention hall, but police who had been deployed all over the area quickly dealt with them.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO AUGUST 24, 1922

A disappointment

Mr. Sastri spent a week in Victoria, seeing Premier Oliver and other members of Government and preaching the gospel of liberal treatment of Indians in Canada most of whome are domiciled in British Columbia. The Premier promised to reply later, but the general impression here is that the Liberal Government fearing to alienate the Labour vote will not grant the slightest change in the conditions. Coming to Vancouver to-day Mr. Sastri will be bitterly disappointed with the attitude of the British Columbia government towards his proposal that Indians should be fully enfranchised although consideration of his attitude of provincial ministry unfriendly to Indians in New Zealand and Australia. He pointed on that Indians had the vote in New Zealand while they were fully enfranchised in New South Wales, South Australia and Victoria and partially enfranchised in Western Australia.

FROM PAGE ONE

Adani group makes bid to take over NDTV

Over the past month and a half, the NDTV stock has more than doubled from ₹164.6 on July 6, and ended Tuesday's trading session 2.61% up at ₹366.20 on the Bombay Stock Exchange.

With 29.18% of the news broadcaster in the bag, VCPL, AMNL & Adani Enterprises will launch an open offer to acquire up to 26% stake in NDTV, in compliance with the requirements of the SEBI's (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011. JM Financial has been appointed as the manager for the open offer, which if successful, will give the Adani group a majority ownership in NDTV that has a public shareholding of 38.55%.

The open offer for acquiring another 26% stake from public shareholders in the firm has been made at a price of ₹294 a share, and will entail a consideration of ₹492.81 crore for the Adani group entities acting in concert.

Adani Enterprises, in its submission to exchanges, said that VCPL is a wholly owned subsidiary of AMNL and has exercised its right to convert 19,90,000 warrants into 19,90,000 equity shares of RRPR constituting 99.50% of RRPR's equity share capital by issuing a warrant exercise notice on Tuesday.

"VCPL, at its sole discretion, also has the right to exercise at any time further warrants to acquire up to 99.99% of the equity share capital of RRPR; and a purchase option to purchase all of the existing equity shares of RRPR held by Mr. Prannoy Roy and Mrs. Radhika Roy and acquire 100% of the equity share capital of RRPR," the firm said.

NDTV, which had revenues of ₹230.91 crore and a net profit of ₹59.19 crore in 2021-22, said that RRPRH has been told to transfer within two days all its equity shares to VCPL. The entire transaction was carried out without any discussion or inputs from the NDTV management, the firm said.

"NDTV has never compromised on the heart of its operations – its journalism. We continue to proudly stand by that journalism," NDTV said in a statement on its website.

"AMNL seeks to empower Indian citizens, consumers and those interested in India, with information and knowledge... We look forward to strengthening NDTV's leadership in news delivery," Mr. Pugalia said.

Just last month, the Securities Appellate Tribunal had overturned a 2019 order of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) that had concluded that NDTV was being sold to VCPL under the garb of a loan agreement. The SAT, in its order on July 20, had declared the terms of the loan between the NDTV founders and Vishvapradhan Commercial Private Limited (VCPL) as completely legitimate, and held that the transaction does not amount to acquiring direct or indirect control of NDTV.

According to PTI, VCPL – incorporated in 2008 – was initially linked to Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries group but its ownership was transferred to a firm run by an associate with links to Delhi-based Nahata Group in 2012.

IAF sacks 3 officers in missile firing case

BrahMos landed 124 km inside Pakistan; CoI blames the trio for deviation from standard procedures

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A Court of Inquiry (CoI) of the Indian Air Force (IAF) into the accidental firing of a BrahMos supersonic cruise missile in March, which landed in Pakistan, found that deviation from standard operating procedures (SOP) by three officers led to the incident. Services of the officers have been terminated with immediate effect, the IAF said on Tuesday.

"A BrahMos missile was accidentally fired on March 09, 2022. A CoI, set up to establish the facts of the case, including fixing responsibility for the incident, found that deviation from the SOP by three officers led to the accidental firing of the missile," the IAF said in a statement.

"These three officers have primarily been held responsible for the incident. Their services have been terminated by the Central Government with immediate effect. Termination orders have been served upon the officers on August 23, 2022."

High-end system: A BrahMos supersonic cruise missile being test-fired from Chandipur. • PTI

The missile landed 124 km inside Pakistan, following which the IAF ordered a CoI headed by an Air Vice-Marshal, a two-star officer, to investigate the incident.

A day after the incident, the Pakistan military said the supersonic surface-to-surface missile flying at three times the speed of sound at 40,000 feet ended up 124 km inside Pakistan, damaging some civilian property.

As reported by *The Hindu* earlier, the CoI completed its investigation in early April, following which the findings were sent for legal vetting before they could be submitted.

Officials had said that it did not seem to be a technical issue with the missile system; the CoI would confirm the exact nature of the accident.

Defect ruled out

Officials with knowledge of the missile system had said that there are a series of checks and balances built into the high-end missile system, while ruling out the possibility of a technical defect.

These include a series of software locks, which are authorised at various levels, after which there are two manual keys before the countdown can be initiated.

In a statement in Parliament on March 15, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that during "routine maintenance and inspection", a missile was "accidentally released" around 7 p.m. and it was later learnt that the missile had landed inside the territory of Pakistan.

Missile is reliable

Stating that the missile system was "very reliable and safe", Mr. Singh said a review of the SOP for "operations, maintenance and inspections" was being conducted.

BrahMos is a joint venture between the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Russia-based NPO Mashinostroyeniya and the missile derives its name from the Brahmaputra and Moskva rivers.

Yasin Malik's plea declined in kidnap case

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A Jammu court on Tuesday turned down Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chief Yasin Malik's petition to physically attend the court and cross-examine witnesses in the 1989 Rubaiya Sayeed abduction case, according to a CBI lawyer.

The court issued a bailable warrant against Ms. Sayeed after she did not appear for her cross-examination by Malik, whom she had identified as her abductor.

Counsel said the court turned down Malik's plea, citing directions from the High Court "to produce all the accused in all the cases through virtual mode". The court also directed Ms. Sayeed to remain present for the next hearing on September 21.

Accused in Hathras case gets bail

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The Allahabad High Court on Tuesday granted bail to Mohammad Alam, a cab driver and co-accused with journalist Siddique Kappan in the Hathras conspiracy case, who was arrested under the UAPA by the Uttar Pradesh Police when the two were on their way to Hathras in 2020 to report the matter of rape and murder of a Dalit girl. Mr. Alam, who took Kappan to the spot, got bail after 22 months of his arrest.

He was granted bail by the Lucknow Bench of the High Court of Justices Ramesh Sinha and Saroj Yadav.

He had been lodged in the Mathura jail since October 5, 2020, and was booked under Sections 153-A, 295-A , 124A, 120B of the IPC, and Sections 17 and 18 of UAPA.

'All on one side, everybody wants freebies'

We thought we could look into the issue and make some suggestions... not a law, CJI Ramana says

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

During the hearing in the Supreme Court on a petition challenging "irrational freebies" offered by political parties, Chief Justice of India (CJI) N.V. Ramana, heading a three-judge Bench, observed on Tuesday that the parties were "all on one side and everybody wants freebies" to continue.

> Don't think you are the only wise party. The way you are talking, giving statements... Don't think we are ignoring all that is being said
>
> CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA N.V. RAMANA TO DMK COUNSEL

The court's intervention has been met with a backlash from across the political spectrum in the States, many saying that welfare measures undertaken for the people are being misinterpreted in court as "freebies".

Chief Justice Ramana said the court's primary concern is that largesse dressed as freebies should not bleed the national economy dry and put more and more burden on the taxpayer.

"But we find that in this issue, all political parties are on one side... Everybody wants freebies, everybody! That was exactly why we wanted a neutral body to look into the issue," Chief Justice Ramana explained.

At one point, the CJI turned the court's ire on Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) counsel, senior advocate P. Wilson, saying, "Don't think you are the only wise party. The way you are talking, giving statements... Don't think we are ignoring all that is being said."

Senior advocate Vijay Hansaria, for petitioner Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, said, "Political parties cannot say 'who is the Supreme Court' when freebies they offer may disturb the fiscal discipline of the country."

But senior advocate Kapil Sibal, who was called on to assist the court in his capacity as a parliamentarian, said a committee, if formed, would be embarking on an "unmanageable exercise". He cautioned that the court's intervention should avoid giving itself a "political colour". He said the issue should be tackled purely as a financial one. He referred to the Fiscal Responsibility Management Act passed by the Union and the States by which the deficit cannot go beyond 3%. He said the Financial Commission could look into the problem.

No judicial law

Chief Justice Ramana said the court had never intended to make a judicial law on freebies. "Ultimately, this is a democracy. Parliament has to debate and discuss and take a decision... But to have this discussion in the Parliament. There must be some background paper. It is for that purpose that I had initiated this debate to form a committee... The opposition is such that nobody wants to even look into the issue of forming of a committee," Chief Justice Ramana observed.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for the Centre, submitted that the court cannot remain a "mute spectator" to outlandish promises of free saris, TVs, electricity or water. Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, for the petitioner, said "freebies" would be "easier to define by what they are not".

But Chief Justice Ramana said freebies cannot be classified into such "water-tight compartments". What may seem like freebies to the urban population may provide for the welfare of the rural poor. "A shaving kit for a barber, a bicycle for a student, equipment for a toddy tapper or an iron for a washerman change their lifestyle and uplift them... That is why, sorry to say, you elite lawyers cannot understand. These are issues which have to be studied nationwide, across people. We have to learn and experience these things through their knowledge and wisdom. That is the reason for proposing a broad-based committee," CJI Ramana explained.

Sonia urges Gehlot to 'lead' Congress party

The timing of the visit is significant as it comes just before the presidential poll schedule is announced.

Amid this sense of uncertainty over leadership, even as Mr. Gandhi is set to lead a nearly five-month-long *Bharat Jodo Yatra* from September 7, party general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the party would try to stick to the schedule earlier announced by the CWC.

"In the next few days, I hope the schedule or the dates to file nominations, scrutiny, withdrawal of nominations will come out. The CWC had said that this process will start on August 20 and end by September 21. The exact dates are expected to be announced soon," Mr. Ramesh said on the presidential election.

Gandhis vs G-23

The leadership question has plagued the Congress ever since Mr. Gandhi resigned from the post in May 2019, taking up moral responsibility for the party's debacle in the Lok Sabha election.

Though the party 'unanimously' chose his mother to lead the party, the Gandhis faced an 'unprecedented revolt' a year later, in August 2020, when senior leaders like Ghulam Nabi Azad, Anand Sharma, Manish Tewari, Bhupinder Singh Hooda and Shashi Tharoor wrote to Ms. Gandhi to push for internal reforms after a series of losses in Assembly elections.

Together known as G-23 in their letter to Ms. Gandhi, demanded collective leadership and a "full time, visible party president".

After a disastrous performance in the elections in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Goa and Manipur, all the three members of the Gandhi family had offered to step aside, but the CWC rejected their offer. However, with the Gandhis now reluctant to continue in their leadership roles, the party will either have to find a consensus candidate or prepare for a contest.

Statute Bench for Sena case

'Dispute raises vital queries on interpretation of Schedule 10'

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday referred the battle between Uddhav Thackeray and Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde over the "real" Shiv Sena to a Constitution Bench.

A three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) N.V. Ramana said the dispute raises "important constitutional questions relating to interpretation of Schedule 10 (anti-defection law) of the Constitution pertaining to disqualification, as well as the powers of the Speaker and the Governor and the power of judicial review".

The Bench highlighted there were gaps in the court's earlier judgment in *Nebam Rebia* relating to the power of the Speaker/Deputy Speaker to initiate disqualification proceedings, when proceedings for his or her own removal from office has been initiated. This needed to be gone into by the Constitution Bench.

The Bench framed 10 questions of law for the Constitution Bench to consider and decide. These include questions on the scope of the power of the Speaker to determine the Whip and the leader of the House legislature party; whether intra-party decisions were amenable to judicial review; the extent of discretion and power of the Governor to invite a person to form the government, and whether the same is amenable to judicial review; and the scope of the powers of the Election Commission of India with respect to determination of a split within a party.

The court has also asked the Bench to decide whether the notice for removal of a Speaker restricts him from continuing with disqualification proceedings; whether a constitutional court can be approached for a decision on a disqualification petition; can a court hold that a member is "deemed" to be disqualified by virtue of his/her actions, absent a decision by the Speaker; what is the status of proceedings in the House during the pendency of disqualification petitions against the members, among others.

ED registers case in excise policy probe

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI/BHAVNAGAR

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has registered a money laundering case in connection with alleged irregularities in the Delhi excise policy in which Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and others are allegedly involved, sources said on Tuesday.

In a move that could spell more trouble for the AAP leader after the recent CBI action against him, the sources said the ED had filed the case under the criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) after taking cognisance of a CBI FIR that named Mr. Sisodia and 14 others.

The AAP said this had to happen as Mr. Sisodia had rejected the BJP's offer to join the saffron party.

Nitish took non-Hindu Minister to temple: BJP

Party demands apology from CM

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PATNA

Bihar Information and Technology Minister Mohammad Israil Mansuri's visit to the famous the Vishnupad temple in Gaya, along with Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, on Monday, has sparked a row, with State BJP leaders on Tuesday demanding a "public apology" from Mr. Kumar. Entry of non-Hindus is "prohibited" at the temple. However, Mr. Mansuri said he had felt "honoured" to enter the temple.

"We demand a public apology from Chief Minister Nitish Kumar for taking Mohammad Israil Mansuri into the Vishnupad temple where entry of non-Hindus is prohibited. Can he [Mr. Kumar] think of setting his foot inside Mecca? If the Chief Minister refuses to apologise, he should be ready for protests from BJP workers everywhere, including the State Assembly," said State BJP president Sanjay Jaiswal.

"When it is written on the wall of the temple that the entry of non-Hindus is prohibited, how could the Chief Minister take his Minister from other religious community there?," BJP MLA Haribhushan Thakur said.

The Vishnupad temple management committee, however, said it would take a decision on how to react after meeting. "Though the entry of non-Hindus is banned in the temple, I'm not sure how to react to the situation," Gajadhar Lal Pathak, secretary of the committee, said.

JD(U) leaders did not comment on the subject.

SC may list plea against remission in Bilkis case

The Gujarat government relied on its remission policy of 1992 to approve the convicts' applications for remission of the sentence and not the current policy of 2014.

The Supreme Court has followed its judgment in the *State of Haryana vs Jagdish*, which had held that the policy applicable at the time of conviction must be considered for deciding an application of premature release.

In its May 13 judgment, a Bench led by Justice Ajay Rastogi concluded that Gujarat was the "appropriate government" under Section 432 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to decide the remission of the convicts in the case. "Undisputedly, in the instant case, the crime was committed in the State of Gujarat, which is the appropriate government competent to examine the application filed for premature release," the top court had observed in May.

"Is it by virtue of the Supreme Court judgment that they [11 convicts] were released?" Chief Justice Ramana asked Mr. Sibal.

"We are not faulting the Supreme Court judgment... We are only challenging the remission," Mr. Sibal said.

The petition challenging the release of the convicts on August 15 has been filed by CPI(M) leader Subhasini Ali, independent journalist and filmmaker Revati Laul and former philosophy professor and activist Roop Rekh Varma. Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra has also filed a petition against the remission.

Sex ratio at birth normalises slightly: study

It fell from 111 boys per 100 girls in 2011 to 108 boys in 2019-21, says Pew report

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The latest study by the Pew Research Center has pointed out that "son bias" is on the decline in India as the average annual number of baby girls "missing" in the country fell from 480,000 (4.8 lakh) in 2010 to 410,000 (4.1 lakh) in 2019. The "missing" refers to how many more female births would have occurred during this time if there were no female-selective abortions.

The problem began in the 1970s with the availability prenatal diagnostic technology allowing for sex selective abortions. Among the major religions, the biggest reduction in sex selection seems to be among the groups that previously had the greatest gender imbalances, particularly among Sikhs.

The world over, boys modestly outnumber girls at birth, at a ratio of approximately 105 male babies for every 100 female babies. That was the ratio in India in the 1950s and 1960s, before prenatal sex tests became available across the country. India legalised abortion in 1971, but the trend of sex selection started picking up in the 1980s due to the introduction of ultrasound scan technology. In the 1970s, India's sex ratio was at par with the global average of 105-100, but this widened to 108 boys per 100 girls in the early 1980s, and reached 110 boys per 100 girls in the 1990s.

"From a large imbalance of about 111 boys per 100 girls in India's 2011 census, the sex ratio at birth appears to have normalised slightly over the last decade, narrowing to about 109 in the 2015-16 wave of the National Family Health Survey and to 108 boys in the latest wave of the NFHS, conducted from 2019-21," the report says.

The Pew Research Center report points out that between 2000 and 2019, nine crore female births went "missing" because of female-selective abortions. The report has also analysed religion-wise sex selection, pointing out that the gap was the highest for Sikhs. "In the 2001 census, Sikhs had a sex ratio at birth of 130 males per 100 females, far exceeding that year's national average of 110. By the 2011 census, the Sikh ratio had narrowed to 121 boys per 100 girls. It now hovers around 110, about the same as the ratio of males to females at birth among the country's Hindu majority (109), according to the latest NFHS," the report says.

Both Christians (105 boys to 100 girls) and Muslims (106 boys to 100 girls) have sex ratios close to the natural norm, and this trend is holding.

The study points out that while the Sikhs make up less than 2% of the Indian population, they accounted for an estimated 5%, or approximately 440,000 (4.4 lakh), of the nine crore baby girls who went "missing" in India between 2000 and 2019. The share of "missing" girls among Hindus is above their respective population share.

Don't abuse doctors, SC tells Ramdev

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday said Baba Ramdev should restrain himself from making derogatory remarks against allopathic doctors and the modern medical system. "He cannot abuse doctors and the system. It is better he restrains himself from abusing other systems," CJI N.V. Ramana remarked.

The court issued a notice to the Centre on a petition filed by the IMA against the publication of misleading advertisements and "smear campaign".

New Bihar govt. to prove majority today

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
PATNA

The newly formed Mahagatbandhan government in Bihar will prove its majority in the Assembly on Wednesday but suspense remains over Speaker Vijay Kumar Sinha's resignation as he said he would not quit as the no-confidence resolution against him was based on "false charges".

Mr. Sinha had not resigned till Tuesday. On August 10, some 55 MLAs of the Mahagatbandhan government had moved a no-confidence resolution to remove him.

"The motion seems to have been filed with little care for rules and false charges. I have been accused of partisanship and a dictatorial attitude. Both allegations are blatantly false and resigning in such circumstances will hurt my self-respect," he said.

Technology companies wary of law on digital competition

Standing panel holds meet, to submit report on how legislation needs to evolve

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

To tackle unfair and predatory practices in the digital market space, the parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance in the first week of September will submit a report on how the competition law needs to evolve for the digital market. The majority of the tech companies which were invited to a meeting on Tuesday, however, expressed reservations about the necessity of any additional framework or law.

"In the first week of September, the Standing Committee on Finance will be submitting a report on the evolution of competition law for the digital market. We will take into account India's unique circumstances; at the same time, we also examine competition laws associated with digital markets around the world," panel chairperson Jayant Sinha said.

Representatives of Amazon, Google, Netflix, Apple, Facebook Meta, Uber and Twitter appeared before the committee. • AFP

The European Union has recently passed the Digital Markets Act and Digital Services Act; there are several Bills pending in the British Parliament and the U.S. Congress associated with digital markets, he added.

On Tuesday, representatives of Amazon, Google, Netflix, Apple, Facebook Meta, Uber, and Twitter appeared before the panel.

A lot of questions were directed at Google and Apple's practice of restricting developers and companies which put out their apps on their stores from working with the other players. According to a source, Apple representatives argued that they hold a minuscule proportion of the Indian smartphone market, at 1.5% in total, and only 17 developers in India pay them a commission.

"Giving out the numbers, they claimed that since their share in the digital space in India is so low that the question of anti-competitive practices doesn't arise," one of the members said. The members made note of the "exclusionary" search engine used by Amazon, which pushes for certain brands that may be partially owned by Amazon parent company over that of local manufacturers. All tech firms have been asked to submit their responses by August 29.

'Centre forced Twitter to put agent on payroll'

It also sought access to sensitive user data: whistle-blower

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

Peiter Zatko, former head of security at Twitter, has alleged that the Indian government forced the microblogging platform to put a government agent on its payroll and grant access to sensitive user data, according to a whistle-blower complaint filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

As per a report published by the *Washington Post*, which obtained the complaint, Mr. Zatko also alleged that the company deceived its users, Board of Directors as well as federal regulators about "extreme, egregious deficiencies" in its ability to protect users against hackers or even spam.

Queries sent to the Ministry of Electronics and IT on these allegations did not elicit a response till the time of going to press.

In an emailed response, a Twitter spokesperson said that Mr. Zatko was fired from his senior executive role at Twitter in January 2022 for "ineffective leadership and poor performance".

"What we've seen so far is a false narrative about Twitter and our privacy and data security practices that is riddled with inconsistencies and inaccuracies and lacks important context," the spokesperson said, adding that Mr. Zatko's allegations and opportunistic timing appear designed to capture attention and inflict harm on Twitter, its customers and shareholders.

The spokesperson, however, did not comment on the specific allegation pertaining to the Indian government's involvement.

"Zatko's complaint says he believed the Indian government had forced Twitter to put one of its agents on the payroll, with access to user data at a time of intense protests in the country," the *Washington Post* report said.

Twitter has been involved in a long battle with the Indian government over removal/blocking of content on the platform, which has intensified over the past year.

The complaint alleged that chief executive officer Parag Agrawal was "lying" when he tweeted in May that the company was "strongly incentivized to detect and remove as much spam as we possibly can".

Scindia bats for global hub airport in India

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Tuesday that India needed to develop an airport which would be a global hub for international flights.

"There must be an international hub in India. I think it is an important opportunity that we have an international hub within India so that many issues have to come together," he said. He said that for this vision to come true India must "have anchor airlines at particular airports, and airlines must have wide body aircraft to transport passengers internationally."

Govt. organises meet to iron out differences on Labour Codes

Two-day meeting in Tirupati to be inaugurated by PM Modi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

A two-day meeting of Labour Ministers and Labour Secretaries of States and Union Territories, scheduled in Tirupati for August 25 and 26, will discuss the framing of rules under the four Labour Codes. The Union Labour Ministry's effort is to evolve a consensus so they could be implemented "as soon as possible".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the event. Union Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav has been meeting representatives of trade unions and employers' organisations to iron out the differences on the codes so that it can be implemented at the earliest.

The meeting will also discuss modalities for implementation of the codes, along with development of portals for licensing, registration, returns, inspections and so on. A Ministry source said that most of the States and Union Territories had prepared draft rules on the Code on Wages and on the Code on Social Security.

Yet to finalise

However, on the Industrial Relations Code and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, a large number of States are yet to finalise the codes. "The code is voluminous and it is one reason why there is delay in bringing out draft Rules," the official said.

In a primary meeting on the issue, the Central Trade Unions (CTU) in the Opposition camp such as the INTUC, HMS, AITUC and CITU had opposed the codes. They warned the Centre that they will resort to protest actions if the government moves ahead with the implementation of the codes.

Minister refers to farmers as 'barking dogs'

STAFF REPORTER
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Union Minister Ajay Mishra Teni, whose son Ashish Mishra is in jail for allegedly running over farmers last year in Lakhimpur Kheri, talked about "dogs barking and chasing his [Ashish Mishra] car", in an apparent reference to farmers demanding his resignation. He also allegedly called farmer leader Rakesh Tikait a "*do kaudi ka aadmi*" (worthless person) in a controversial speech.

Mr. Teni's comments come after a protest organised by Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) demanding the sacking and arrest of the Union Minister.

Congress launches tagline, logo of Bharat Jodo Yatra

The 3,500-km yatra is expected to be led by Rahul Gandhi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Mile kadam, jude watan or "Step by step, unite India". With this official tagline, the Congress on Tuesday launched the website and the official logo of the 3,500-km Bharat Jodo Yatra that is expected to be led by former party chief Rahul Gandhi from start to finish.

Addressing a joint press conference, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh and national coordinator of the *padayatra* Digvijaya Singh said the yatra was necessary in the national interest to counter growing economic inequality, social polarisation and political divisions in the country.

Over five months

The Congress general secretary said the main yatra would cover 3,570 km from Kanyakumari in the south to Kashmir in the north over a period of about five months from September 7.

It would pass through 12 States and two Union Territories. Simultaneously, smaller Bharat Jodo Yatras would be taken out in various States that would not come on the main route.

"There will be 100 *padayatris* who will walk from the start to finish. They will be Bharat *Yatris*. Around 100 people will keep joining from the States through which this yatra is not passing, these people will be *Atithi Yatris*. Around 100 *yatris* will be involved from the States through which the journey will pass, these will be Pradesh *Yatris*. At a time, there will be 300 *padayatris*," Mr. Singh explained.

Mr. Ramesh said the party could also consider a similar yatra from Porbandar in Gujarat to Parasuram Kund in Arunachal Pradesh in the east at a later stage.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYAT RAJ DEPARTMENT
Notification
Rc.No. 1602 / 2022 / CPI Dt : 24.08.2022
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INTERVIEW | M. JAGADESH KUMAR

'If you want a bias-free process, it should be based on the CUET score'

All Central universities have been told that admissions to UG and PG courses should be based solely on the score, and it is compulsory, says UGC Chairman

JAGRITI CHANDRA

The Common University Entrance Test to Central universities has been riddled with technical glitches, leading to criticism from students and universities about the format and the delay in the admission process. University Grants Commission Chairman **M. Jagadesh Kumar** *says these were logistical issues that will be handled better next time. Excerpts:*

Universities are concerned about the delay in the admission process due to the CUET schedule as well as technical glitches and cancellations during the examination conducted for undergraduate courses. How are you addressing those issues?

■ The academic sessions are delayed because of COVID, and we are trying to go back to the original academic session slowly. As far as CUET [Common University Entrance Test] is concerned, if I was a student, I would expect the centre to be glitch-free so that I can focus on the exam and no other factors that pop up, which happened in several cases. But look at the scale of the exam: it is one of the largest entrance tests with 14.9 lakh students, which is next only to NEET. But NEET and JEE are conducted over a three-day window and the number of subjects are also limited. But here we have 27 domain and 20 language subjects, 12 Indian language subjects also and one general paper.

The main challenge is identifying centres with working computers and Internet connection. Based on the experience and lessons we have learnt, we are confident that in the coming year there would be no glitches. Though we assign test centres to students only after checking the computer system during a mock drill, in some cases the computers failed on the day of the exam. That is why we gave students a window between August 25 and 30. We sent information to students through SMS, voice mail and email if we were cancelling an exam at a centre, but some students might have not seen those messages and found the centre closed on the day of the exam. These are logistical issues, which can be resolved through proper planning and the lessons we are learning from the experience.

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How many students were affected by cancellations and other issues out of the total 14.9 lakh. When is the result for CUET-UG likely?

■ During the last window [for students affected due to cancellations] we expect nearly 1 lakh students to appear. This includes all students who faced cancellations due to glitches or genuinely could not reach the exam centre on time. All genuine cases are being handled. Our goal is to announce the CUET-UG result between September 7 and 10.

There is also criticism from certain Vice-Chancellors such as the JNU's that a multiple-choice question-based exam is not appropriate for PG admissions. How would you respond to that criticism?

■ This debate about entrance exam is there for a long time. There is no ideal entrance examination. What we need to see is the scale at which we are admitting students. We are one of the largest education systems in the world. When we carry out admissions, they have to be bias-free. Bias comes from human involvement. For example, if I am correcting the same essay type answers, fatigue sets in and I may give marks differentially to other students. Therefore, from the point of providing justice to students in terms of objectivity of the admission process, machine-driven test is the best. All over the world, it is agreed. Can we use machine-driven MCQ questions across disciplines? Of course, there can never be a single answer to that. You will have both sides arguing either way. But we have to have a middle path.

There are also four types of MCQs – recall-type based on numbers and formulae, concept-based, those based on application of concept and fourth is synthesis of info that is closer to essay-type answers. We can't undermine the importance of MCQ format. In future, we will have artificial intelligence driven software which can actually read text-based answers too.

A prestigious college like St. Stephen's has said that it will give 85% weightage to CUET core and 15% to interviews. Is that permissible?

■ At the UG and PG level, the issue of discrimination is an issue. If I am coming from a rural background and I am not able to communicate well in English, it can be quite intimidating. So, if you want to have a bias-free process, it should be based on the CUET score. We have told all the Central Universities that admissions to UG and PG courses should be based solely on the CUET score. It is compulsory for everyone.

What is the goal of CUET?

■ The advantage of having one national test is that students from across the country will have an opportunity to attempt CUET and try to join some of the best universities across the country. It provides a level-playing field even when they are coming from a university in a rural background. 45% of our universities and 60% of colleges are in rural areas and if these students face a national-level examination it will also provide feedback on how they have to improve. We also have so many State Boards that give higher scores as compared to others in the Class XII exam and this will remove that disparity among States. Even if I didn't do well in my Board exam, I can do well in CUET. Students who earlier had to write multiple exams for admission to various universities will now have to appear only for one exam.

IN BRIEF

Judge hearing Anubrata's case receives threat

KOLKATA

The Judge hearing the case of arrested Trinamool Congress leader Anubrata Mondal on Tuesday received a threat letter seeking the immediate release of the party leader. It said that if he was not granted bail then his family members would be implicated in a false case under the NDPS Act.

Tomato flu a self-limiting illness, says Centre

NEW DELHI

Tomato flu is a clinical variant of the hand, foot, and mouth disease, a common viral infection affecting children, immune-compromised adults, and sometimes exposed, immune-competent adults. It is a self-limiting illness and no specific drug exists for its treatment, the Union Health Ministry said.

Tensions mar a mission to Tiangong

IIA scientists worried LAC stand-off will come in the way of their payload boarding China space station

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

Tensions between India and China since May 2020 is worrying Indian astrophysicists involved in an ambitious project to install an Indian-made spectroscope aboard the developing Chinese space station Tiangong.

Scientists at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, were among nine groups selected from 42 applicants in 2019 as part of a UN-led initiative that invites research teams from all over the world to compete for an opportunity to design payloads that will be shuttled to Tiangong aboard rockets of the Chinese Manned Space Agency.

The project, called Spectrographic Investigation of Nebular Gas (SING), also involves collaboration with the Institute of Astronomy, Russian Academy of Sciences, and has been designed and developed by research students at the IIA. The plan is to have it ready by the year-end so that it can be launched in the summer of 2023.

The main campus of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics in Bangalore, Karnataka. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Though the plan is on schedule, scientists at the IIA are now consulting with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the External Affairs Ministry whether they are in the clear to go ahead with the project.

"We are cautiously hopeful that the project will progress as scheduled," said Jayant Murthy, Senior Professor, IIA, and the coordinator for the project. "Technical discussions on the payload are still on with China and we have conveyed to them that we need an export clearance from Indian authorities to go ahead. We have written to our relevant agencies and are awaiting their response," he said.

The SING project will be the first space collaboration involving India and China, and primarily deals with sending and positioning a spectrograph, an instrument that splits light into constituent frequencies and wavelengths, to study ultraviolet radiation. This will help analyse the make-up and sources of interstellar gas in the region that swept by the space station as it orbits around the earth.

Opportunity at hand

"We could certainly launch this instrument aboard other space missions, including those by ISRO. However, every mission that carries payloads carries a certain cost – in terms of making space, assigning manpower and so on – at the end of the launch vehicle, and that requires planning and budgeting time. Right now, we have an opportunity aboard the CSS (Chinese space station) and it would be wonderful to have the payload on it," Professor Murthy said.

The T-shaped Tiangong space station, when complete, is expected to be around 20% as massive as the International Space Station, or about 460 tonnes on earth. The space station consists of three modules, two of which have already been launched in April 2021 and July this year, respectively.

The third is expected to be launched this October. It will be only the second such station after the International Space Station in orbit.

India and China have been collaborators in the past on research projects such as the Giant Metre Wave Radio Telescope, a Pune-based observatory employed by astrophysicists across the world to study radiation at metre-scale resolutions to observe and analyse stars and galaxies.

DRDO, Indian Navy test indigenous missile

VL-SRSAM can target aerial threats

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy on Tuesday successfully flight-tested the indigenously developed Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

VL-SRSAM, a ship-borne weapon system, will be used for close-range targets.

The VL-SRSAM, a ship-borne weapon system, is meant for neutralising various aerial threats at close ranges, including sea-skimming targets, and was last test-fired in June.

"The flight test was carried out from an Indian naval ship against a high-speed unmanned aerial target for demonstration of vertical launch capability. The missiles, equipped with indigenous Radio Frequency (RF) seeker, intercepted the target with high accuracy," a Defence Ministry statement said.

During the test launch, flight path and vehicle performance parameters were monitored using flight data captured by various range instruments, the statement said.

The launch was monitored by senior scientists from various DRDO labs involved in the design and development of the system.

Benami law can't be applied retrospectively: SC

Bench declares as 'unconstitutional' 2016 amendments which can send a person to prison for 3 years

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday declared as "unconstitutional and manifestly arbitrary" the amendments introduced to the Benami law in 2016, which apply retrospectively and can send a person to prison for three years even as it empowers the Centre to confiscate "any property" subject to a benami transaction.

In a decision much awaited by businesses, a three-judge Bench, led by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana, declared as unconstitutional Sections 3(2) and 5 introduced through the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Amendment Act, 2016. The 2016 law amended the original Benami Act of 1988, expanding it to 72 Sections from a mere nine.

Section 3(2) mandates three years of imprisonment for those who had entered into benami transactions between September 5, 1988 and October 25, 2016. That is, a person can be sent behind bars for a benami transaction entered into 28 years before the Section even came into existence.

Justice Ramana, who wrote the 96-page judgment, held that the provision violated Article 20(1) of the Constitution.

Article 20(1) mandates that no person should be convicted of an offence, which was not in force "at the time of the commission of the act charged as an offence". Section 5 of the 2016 Amendment Act said that "any property, which is subject matter of benami transaction, shall be liable to be confiscated by the Central Government". The court held that this provision cannot be applied retrospectively.

The CJI dismissed the government's version that forfeiture, acquisition and confiscation of property under the 2016 Act was not in the nature of prosecution and cannot be restricted under Article 20. The court observed that the 2016 Act condemned not only transactions that were traditionally denominated as benami but also a "new class of fictitious and sham transactions". The court said the intention of Parliament was to condemn property acquired from ill-gotten wealth. "These proceedings cannot be equated as enforcing civil obligations," the CJI noted.

Union govt. amends SC Judges Rules

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The government on Tuesday amended the Supreme Court Judges Rules to entitle a retired Chief Justice rent-free Type-VII accommodation in Delhi for six months from the date of superannuation.

A notification issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice said the accommodation would be other than the designated official residence.

The amended Rules added that a retired Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court shall be entitled to a chauffeur, a secretarial assistant and round-the-clock security cover, in addition to his or her personal security guard for a period of a year from the date of retirement.

Further, the amended Rules mandated that a retired Chief Justice and judges should be extended, as per protocol, courtesies at ceremonial lounges at airports.

The government has amended the original Supreme Court Judges Rules of 1959 in exercise of powers conferred on it under the Supreme Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act, 1958.

A 2013 decision of the Supreme Court had taken a serious view of former Ministers, MPs and even retired Judges and government servants overstaying in bungalows beyond the allotted period.

"Judges of any forum shall vacate the official residence within one month from the date of superannuation/retirement. However, after recording sufficient reasons, the time may be extended by another month," the Supreme Court had ordered.

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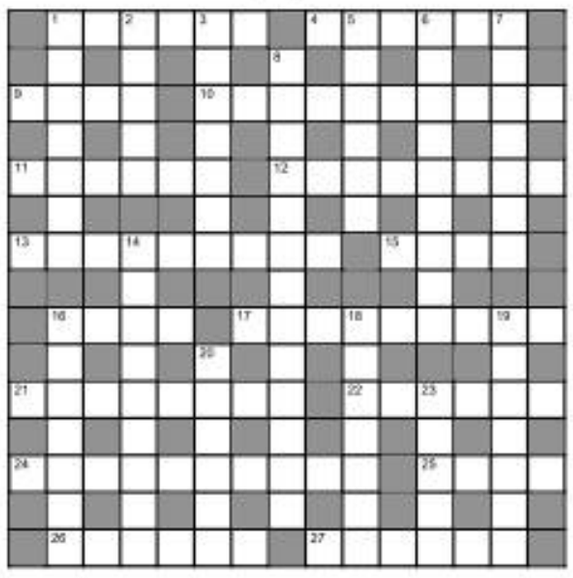

Across

1 Italy's probing treaty with leader of neighbouring country (6)
4 Old horse often near animal (6)
9 Starts to gather around ladies at banquet (4)
10 Perhaps Freddie Mercury letting Queen down inside (4,6)
11 Hardly 51 rebels leaving UP city (6)
12 IIT alumni basically hope to rebuild country (8)
13 Protection around handle in case (9)
15 Unite to leave the French dynasty (4)
16 Frighten a stallion hiding from behind stable (4)
17 Spooner's naughty kid split Chappati, say (9)
21 Sold lawn including dog (8)
22 Exceptionally minute tusk – elephant's primary weapon (6)
24 They raise mountaineers? (10)
25 Cabs leaving bar in line (4)
26 Polished alloy of Vanadium and Steel (6)
27 Formerly packed in normal cheese (6)

Down

1 Falls back again near trap in the middle (7)
2 Feudal landlord from Mumbai locality (5)
3 Ringo Starr song fitting loony year at university (4,3)
5 Order Sikh to follow new oriental cursive script (6)
6 Do longer trips taking one Italian boatman (9)
7 Swimming freshwater eel in Gangetic banks (7)
8 Heated kilt to expose what's private! (4,3,3,3)
14 Accountant Ali's examining stocks to torture (9)
16 Weather vanes covered by the seven seas quivering in storms (7)
18 Maths puzzles involving a bit of algebra for entertainment (7)
19 Had fabrication closer to regular studio (7)
20 Gloomy set of students pursuing current technology (3-3)
23 See that post frequently about flood (5)

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Solution to puzzle 13642

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Love for the Lord

Rukmini, daughter of the King of Vidarbha, is determined to marry Lord Krishna. But her family arranges for her to marry Sisupala. So she writes a letter to Krishna, asking Him to take her away. Rukmini begins her letter by saying that she chose Krishna because of His qualities. There is a message here for young women, said V.S. Karunakaracharlar in a discourse. Wealth can be lost and good looks fade with age. But it is a person's qualities which remain with him through life.

A girl should, therefore, choose her husband based on his qualities, not on the basis of handsomeness or riches. Rukmini says she is shameless in being so open about her love for Krishna. Here there is a message for all of us. We should not be ashamed of our bhakthi. We must not be ashamed to sport kumkum on the forehead, for fear of being branded old fashioned. What is wrong in expressing our love for the Lord? Rukmini says Lord Krishna is the only One who can rid the jivatma of its burdens. She says she surrenders to Him, and therefore, it is His duty to ensure that Sisupala does not marry her.

It was the practice of Kshatriyas to offer meat to their Goddess before a battle began. If a lion ate it, it was considered a sign that victory would be theirs. If a fox ate it, defeat was certain. Rukmini says that if Sisupala were to wed her, it would be like a fox eating the sacrificial meat. Should a fox be allowed to take what was intended for a lion, Rukmini asks. Andal, in her Nachiar Thirumozhi expresses a similar sentiment. She says that she cannot think of marrying a human. Marrying her off to a human being is like allowing a fox to lick the havis offered to devas. Whether it is Rukmini or Andal, they are showing us that the Jivatma must serve the Lord.

Imran Khan summoned in contempt case

The former PM had threatened a judge during a rally last week; police raid the house of his close aide

ASSOCIATED PRESS
ISLAMABAD

An Islamabad court on Tuesday summoned former Prime Minister Imran Khan to appear next week to answer contempt charges over his verbal threats to a judge at a rally last Saturday. Police, meanwhile, registered another case against him on charges of defying a ban on rallies in Islamabad.

The latest development indicated that Pakistan's government is stepping up pressure on Mr. Khan, who has been holding massive rallies, seeking to return to power. Separately, police raided overnight the apartment of Mr. Khan's close aide Shahbaz Gill in the Pakistani capital, and took him away in handcuffs for interrogation. He has been charged with treason for his recent anti-Army remarks during a show on a private television channel, in which he urged soldiers and officers to disobey "illegal" orders from military leaders.

Legal tangle: A vendor selling the flags of Imran Khan's Tehreek-e-Insaf party outside his residence in Islamabad. • AFP

A conviction against Mr. Khan, who is to appear before the Islamabad High Court on August 31, would mean disqualification from politics for life since under Pakistani law, no convicted person can run for office.

Fawad Chaudhry, a senior leader from Mr. Khan's opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, said that Mr. Khan's team would examine the summons but that in their opinion, the Islamabad High Court lacks the authority to try Mr. Khan for contempt of court.

Legal experts say Mr. Khan has limited options and could avoid a conviction if he apologises for his remarks against Judge Zeba Chaudhry on Saturday, when he told her to "get ready for it, we will also take action against you."

Another case filed

Also on Tuesday, Islamabad police registered another case against Mr. Khan and 16 other leaders from his party on charges of defying a ban on disruptive rallies in Islamabad on Saturday.

The latest developments came two days after authorities filed terrorism charges against Mr. Khan, escalating political tensions in the country.

In New York, meanwhile, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters that UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres was aware of the terrorism charges against Mr. Khan and that he "urges calm, lowering of tensions and respect for the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms" in Pakistan.

Mr. Khan, who came into power in 2018 and was ousted in April in a no-confidence vote, could face from several months to 14 years in prison on terrorism charges.

Since his ouster, Mr. Khan has alleged – without providing evidence – that Pakistan's powerful military took part in a U.S. plot to oust him. Washington, the Pakistani military and the government of Mr. Khan's successor, Shahbaz Sharif, have all denied the allegation.

"It is not directly a matter for the United States, and that's because we don't have a position on one political candidate or party versus any other political candidate or party," U.S. State Department spokesperson Ned Price said.

Iran drops some of its key demands for nuclear pact

Final deal could take a little longer as gaps remain: official

REUTERS
WASHINGTON

Iran has dropped some of its main demands on resurrecting a deal to rein in Tehran's nuclear programme, including its insistence that international inspectors close some probes of its atomic programme, bringing the possibility of an agreement closer, a senior U.S. official said on Monday.

The U.S. aims to respond soon to a draft agreement proposed by the European Union that would bring back the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran that former President Donald Trump abandoned and current President Joe Biden has sought to revive.

"They came back last week and basically dropped the main hang-ups to a deal," the official said.

"We think they have finally crossed the Rubicon and moved toward possibly getting back into the deal on terms that President Biden can accept," the official added. "If we are closer today, it's because Iran has moved. They conceded on issues that they have been holding onto from the beginning."

Iran's Foreign Ministry had no immediate comment.

IAEA probes

Iran had already largely relented on its demand that the U.S. lift its designation of the Iran Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization (FTO) entity, the official said.

Iran also wanted a guarantee that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) would close investigations involving unexplained traces of uranium.

"Iran wants guarantees that the IAEA would close all of them. We said we would never accept that," the official said.

The IAEA board of governors in June overwhelmingly passed a resolution criticising Iran for failing to explain the presence of uranium traces at three undeclared sites.

The official said that "it could take a little longer" to come to a final agreement, if one is possible. "We're studying Iran's response now and we'll get back to them soon," the official said.

Earlier, State Department spokesman Ned Price said there was no guarantee a deal can be struck, saying "the outcome of ongoing discussions still remains uncertain as gaps do remain."

Sadr followers for dissolution of Parliament

REUTERS
BAGHDAD

Iraq's judiciary suspended work on Tuesday after supporters of powerful Shia cleric Moqtada al-Sadr camped out near its headquarters to demand that it dissolve Parliament.

The populist leader has helped inflame tensions in Iraq in recent weeks by commanding thousands of followers to storm and occupy Parliament, preventing the formation of a government nearly 10 months after elections.

Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi has renewed calls for a national dialogue.

Taiwanese resolve to defend island can't be shaken: Tsai

She meets U.S. scholars on the anniversary of the 1958 crisis

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
TAIPEI

President Tsai Ing-wen said on Tuesday that Taiwanese people remained resolved to defend the island following China's huge military drills.

Tensions in the Taiwan Strait have risen to their highest in years since Beijing staged unprecedented drills in retaliation for U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taipei earlier this month.

Ms. Tsai made the remarks when meeting a visiting delegation of U.S. scholars on the 64th anniversary of a Chinese artillery attack

Tsai Ing-wen

known as the "823 bombardment". "That battle to protect our homeland showed the world that no threat of any kind could shake the Taiwanese people's resolve to defend their nation – not in the past, not now, and not in the future," Ms. Tsai said.

China's Army fired 4,70,000 shells at Kinmen Islands and nearby islets in 1958, killing 618 people in an attack that lasted 44 days.

Taiwan lives under constant threat of an invasion by China, which claims the self-ruled democracy as part of its territory to be seized one day – by force if necessary.

Beijing lashes out at any diplomatic action that might lend Taiwan legitimacy and has responded with anger to visits by Western officials.

Malaysia court upholds Najib's jail term

His 12-year prison sentence began after he lost appeal in 1MDB corruption case

ASSOCIATED PRESS
PUTRAJAYA

Malaysian ex-Prime Minister Najib Razak began his 12-year prison sentence on Tuesday after losing his final appeal in a graft case linked to the looting of the 1MDB state fund, with the top court unanimously upholding his conviction and sentence.

Mr. Najib, Malaysia's first former leader to be imprisoned, was whisked away to Kajang prison on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur after the verdict. Opposition leaders, activists and many citizens hailed the court's swift ruling, calling it a victory for Malaysians who voted in 2018 to oust his government and bring Mr. Najib to justice.

The five-member Federal Court panel said it found the High Court's decision was correct and that Mr. Najib's appeal was "devoid of any merits."

'Criminal breach of trust'

"This is a simple and straightforward case of abuse of power, criminal breach of trust and money laundering," said Chief Justice Maimun Tuan Mat, who read out the verdict.

"We are unable to conclude that any of the findings of the High Court, as affirmed by the Court of Appeal, were perverse or plainly wrong so as to warrant appellate intervention. We agree that the defence is so inherently inconsistent and incredible that it does not raise a reasonable doubt on the prosecution case," she said.

Najib Razak

The court ordered Mr. Najib, who has been out on bail pending appeals since his sentence in 2020, to begin his time behind bars. He also must pay a 210 million ringgit ($47 million) fine.

1MDB was a development fund that Mr. Najib set up shortly after assuming power in 2009. Investigators allege at least $4.5 billion was stolen from the fund and laundered by Mr. Najib's associates. Mr. Najib was found guilty in 2020 of seven charges of corruption for illegally receiving $9.4 million from SRC International, a former unit of 1MDB.

Mr. Najib, 69, has maintained his innocence.

U.K. spies accused over blogger's arrest in India

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
LONDON

Human rights groups on Tuesday said U.K. intelligence agencies may have shared information with India that led to the arrest and torture of a Sikh blogger from Scotland.

Jagtar Singh Johal, 35, has been held in detention in India for more than four years.

Mr. Johal is accused of being part of a terror plot against right-wing Hindu leaders and has been charged with conspiracy to murder.

"Our investigators have uncovered critical information that in 2017, the U.K. government may have authorised MI5 and MI6 to share information about U.K. citizen Jagtar Singh Johal," two organisations, Reprieve and Redress, said in a joint statement.

They claimed this tip-off "led to his unlawful arrest and torture in India".

Current Prime Minister Boris Johnson was Foreign Minister at the time.

Britain is bound by international treaties, such as the European Convention on Human Rights, not to hand over citizens where they are at risk of torture.

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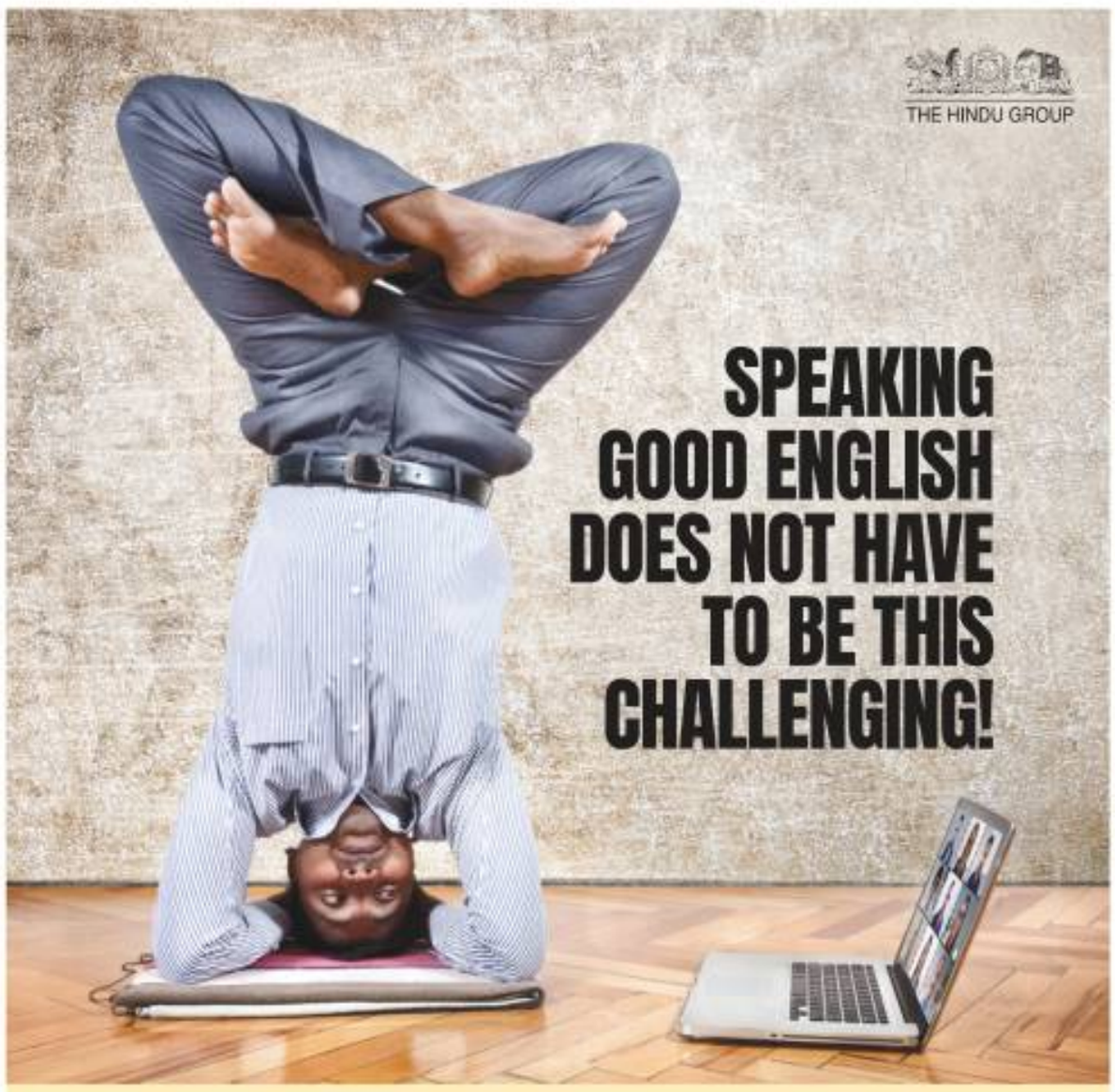

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	23-08-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	59,031	0.44
US Dollar	79.83	0.01
Gold	51,707	0.05
Brent oil	99.39	3.81

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	832.50	-7.75
Apollo Hosp	4070.95	46.05
Asian Paints	3356.60	6.85
Axis Bank	747.05	5.20
Bajaj Auto	4064.45	22.85
Bajaj Finserv	16303.90	432.20
Bajaj Finance	7207.70	105.50
Bharti Airtel	737.60	10.00
BPCL	333.70	0.05
Britannia Ind	3678.70	2.25
Cipla	1040.65	18.10
Coal India	222.85	4.55
Divis Lab	3532.30	-48.35
Dr Reddys Lab	4225.15	38.20
Eicher Motors	3464.75	101.50
Grasim Ind	1595.45	31.35
HCL Tech	946.90	-12.55
HDFC	2420.75	-2.45
HDFC Bank	1465.80	-4.55
HDFC Life	565.85	-0.80
Hero MotoCorp	2803.40	22.85
Hindalco	427.90	9.40
Hind Unilever	2592.75	-33.95
ICICI Bank	863.90	11.65
Indusind Bank	1071.05	13.85
Infosys	1542.40	-31.25
ITC	315.90	1.50
JSW Steel	652.85	9.90
Kotak Bank	1855.75	23.70
L&T	1877.05	-3.60
M&M	1273.10	46.40
Maruti Suzuki	8720.50	92.50
Nestle India Ltd.	19625.65	173.45
NTPC	158.65	2.15
ONGC	133.75	1.85
PowerGrid Corp	227.55	1.60
Reliance Ind	2646.80	40.20
SBI Life	1279.25	3.25
State Bank	521.90	10.60
Shree Cement	21126.65	195.20
Sun Pharma	888.40	7.85
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Tata Motors	460.45	5.85
Tata Steel	107.60	2.55
TCS	3284.60	-69.95
Tech Mahindra	1065.90	-12.80
Titan	2480.20	62.60
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UPL	759.55	14.85
Wipro	416.65	-3.35

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on August 23

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	79.66	79.98
Euro	79.04	79.36
British Pound	93.70	94.08
Japanese Yen (100)	57.98	58.21
Chinese Yuan	11.63	11.68
Swiss Franc	82.40	82.74
Singapore Dollar	57.05	57.29
Canadian Dollar	61.16	61.41
Malaysian Ringitt	17.74	17.83
Australian Dollar	54.76	54.98

Source:Indian Bank

Trade gap to taper, goods may hit $480-bn exports: Secretary

Will freeze year's target soon, export numbers are on track, says Minister

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

India's goods exports are likely to touch $470-480 billion this year from $422 billion last year and the trade deficit is expected to moderate in coming months, the country's top trade official said on Tuesday.

While the country's official export target for 2022-23 is likely to be announced formally by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said the target was almost finalised but policymakers were waiting for the geopolitical situation to stabilise, which does not seem to be happening yet.

Benign times: Oil, commodity prices have dipped; the govt. is giving renewed thrust to exports, says the Secretary. • PTI

"Right now, it doesn't seem to be stabilising soon," Mr. Goyal said. "So we may have to freeze the target and let you know very soon... But I can tell you, we are on track as of August 15, to the target we had set at the beginning of the year. But since the geopolitical situation, recessionary conditions in developed countries are surfacing every day, we want to be sure that we don't overstate our expectations."

Commerce Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam asserted that India's trade deficit deficit won't cross the 'discomfort level' and that he expected exports to touch $750 billion this year, with goods exports of $470-480 billion.

Expressing confidence about exports this year, he said: "If you look at services, they are growing jolly good at $25 billion a month."

"There is going to be a moderation in the trade deficit from current levels. One month was pretty bad, but... there has been a moderation in oil and commodity prices and we are giving a renewed thrust to exports."

Commerce dept. being rejigged to make it future ready: Goyal

'Dedicated body planned to devise strategy to achieve goals'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Department of Commerce is being restructured to make it 'future ready' and put in place an ecosystem to achieve the $2 trillion export target by 2030, Union Minister Piyush Goyal said on Tuesday.

Talking to reporters here, the Commerce and Industry Minister said that as part of the restructuring exercise, a dedicated trade promotion body would be set up to devise an overall strategy to achieve targets.

The focus of the restructuring, he said, would also be on strengthening negotiations capability at the World Trade Organization (WTO) and for bilateral free trade agreements; centralisation and digitisation of trade facilitation processes and rehauling the data analytics ecosystem. The objective was to increase India's share in global exports and also to create jobs, he noted.

Piyush Goyal

Mr. Goyal also said that there would be no reduction of manpower in the Commerce Ministry on account of restructuring, rather it may go up. "Indian trade and commerce will not only be a strong element in India's march to prosperity, towards becoming a developed nation in the *Amrit Kaal*, but also play an extremely important role in serving the needs of the whole world," he noted.

He said his Ministry was preparing for greater multilateral and bilateral engagement with other countries.

All of this had been studied and researched as a part of the restructuring exercise, Mr. Goyal said while releasing 'The Department of Commerce Restructuring Dossier'.

Economists expect Q1 GDP growth at 13-15.7%

Services sector may drive growth: ICRA

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MUMBAI

Leading economists have pencilled in a high 13-15.7% uptick in the economy in the first quarter of 2022-23 with an upward bias.

Soumya Kanti Ghosh, the group chief economic adviser at State Bank of India, on Tuesday said he expects the GDP to clip past 15.7% in the first quarter with more chances of the final numbers printing in higher.

However, Aditi Nayar, chief economist at the rating agency ICRA, said the economy would grow at a much slower 13% in the June quarter. The national statistical office will announce the first-quarter GDP numbers later next week.

While the GDP contracted by 23.9% in June 2020 due to the first wave of the pandemic, the same got a boost in June 2021 clipping at 20.1%. The Reserve Bank-led monetary policy committee in the August 5 policy review projected the economy to grow 16.2% in the April-June quarter.

ICRA expects sectoral growth to be driven by the services sector which would likely log 17-19% growth.

Rating agency flags Adani Group as 'deeply overleveraged'

Debt-funded growth can spiral into huge debt trap: Fitch unit

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NEW DELHI

Gautam Adani's ports-to-power-to-cement conglomerate is 'deeply overleveraged' with the group predominantly using debt to invest aggressively across existing as well as new businesses, Fitch Group's CreditSights said.

In a report titled 'Adani Group: Deeply Overleveraged', CreditSights said, "In the worst-case scenario, overly ambitious debt-funded growth plans could eventually spiral into a massive debt trap, and possibly culminate into a distressed situation or default of one or more group companies."

Starting out as a commodities trader in the late 1980s, the group has diversified from mines, ports and power plants into airports, data centres and defence.

Recently, it forayed into the cement sector with a $10.5 billion acquisition of Holcim's India units as well as into alumina manufacturing. Most of this expansion has been funded by debt.

"Over the past few years, the Adani Group has pursued an aggressive expansion plan that pressurised its credit metrics and cash flows," CreditSights said.

"The Adani Group is increasingly venturing into new and/or unrelated businesses, which are highly capital intensive and raises concerns regarding spreading execution oversight too thin," it added.

While there is evidence of promoter equity capital injection into group firms, the Group is exposed to moderate levels of governance and environmental, social, and governance risks. The six listed Adani Group firms had a gross debt of ₹2,309 billion as of FY22-end. Net debt after accounting for cash in hand was ₹1,729 billion.

Overseas investments can top limit with nod

Facility for strategic sectors: Centre

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The government on Tuesday said an Indian corporate entity can make overseas investments beyond the prescribed limit in 'strategic sectors' such as energy and natural resources after obtaining necessary permissions.

Releasing an explanatory note on Overseas Direct Investment Rules and Regulations 2022, the Finance Ministry said a non-financial sector entity can make a direct investment under the automatic route into a foreign entity engaged in financial services activity (except banking and insurance). "An Indian entity not engaged in the insurance sector may make Overseas Direct Investment in general and health insurance where such insurance business is supporting the core activity undertaken overseas by such an Indian entity," it said.

The government on Monday issued two gazette notifications in which Overseas Direct Investment and Overseas Portfolio Investment have been demarcated.

Other terms such as control, disinvestment, step-down subsidiary and financial services activity have also been defined. "Strategic sectors shall include energy, natural resources and such other sectors as may be decided by the Government from time to time in view of the evolving business requirements," it added.

IN BRIEF

Tata Motors, Tata Power ink pact for solar project

JAMSHEDPUR

Tata Motors said it had signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Tata Power to develop a 7.25 Mwp onsite solar project at its commercial vehicle manufacturing facility in Jamshedpur. PTI

Stitched Textiles scraps ₹200-crore IPO plan

NEW DELHI

Stitched Textiles, which owns men's wear fashion brand Barcelona, has decided to withdraw its ₹200-crore Initial Public Offering (IPO). The IPO was slated to be entirely a fresh issue of equity shares. However, an update with SEBI showed that the draft offer documents were withdrawn on August 16 and the reasons not disclosed. PTI

Rupee worries force India's importers to hedge extra

'Domestic currency may possibly depreciate to 82 levels'

REUTERS
MUMBAI

Worried about India's precarious external accounts and the weakening rupee, domestic importers are hedging a lot more of their currency exposures than they are required to.

The rupee is down about 7.5% versus the U.S. dollar this year, and headed for what could be its worst year in four.

Trading just shy of its 80.0650 per dollar record low reached last month, the rupee has been under pressure from a ballooning oil import bill, high domestic inflation and the Federal Reserve's aggressive rate increases that have elevated yields on the U.S. dollar.

That is in spite of the RBI's efforts to defend the currency.

"We have a clear view right now. Considering India's trade deficit issues and Fed rate hike view, we think rupee will depreciate more, possibly up to the 82 level," said Rohit Maheshwari, CFO of Hero International B.V.

"Our normal policy is that 50% of the exposure should be hedged. But right now, we are hedging imports near to 80%, while leaving a large part of the exports unhedged."

"Right now, there are a lot of risks around current account deficit and uncertainty about the Fed. That is why we are hedging almost 100% of our imports while leaving exports open to the extent allowed by our risk-management policy," Anil Agarwal, CFO, J.K. Fenner (India) Ltd., said.

CPCL to invest ₹2,570 crore in refinery JV

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The board of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (CPCL) has approved a proposal to invest up to ₹2,570 crore in the joint venture with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. for implementing the ₹31,580-crore, 9-mmta Cauvery Basin Refinery project in Tamil Nadu

On Monday, the board approved the investment, being its contribution towards 25% stake in the JV, CPCL said in a filing. To be completed in 2025, the refinery would produce LPG, BS VI gasoline, diesel, AFT and polypropylene as a value-added product.

'SpiceJet to tap external parties, airlines for funds'

Airline also eyeing ECLGS scheme

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

SpiceJet is exploring various options to raise funds from external parties, 'including airlines,' CMD Ajay Singh said on Tuesday.

"We will do everything to ensure that SpiceJet remains a strong and vibrant player as it has been in the last 17 years," Mr. Singh added.

"We are exploring all options for investment from external parties including airlines, " he told the media. He disclosed that the airline's board had recently passed a resolution for raising up to ₹2,000 crore.

The DGCA, last month, cut the airline's flight schedule to half of that approved following concerns over safety and lack of funds to pay for spare parts and maintenance work on aircraft.

SpiceJet is exploring the government's Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for funds. It also plans to add seven Boeing 737 MAX 8s by December.

Hindalco earmarks $8 bn in capex

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NEW DELHI

Hindalco Industries Chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla said the company had earmarked total capital expenditure of about $8 billion over the next five years in its arm Novelis, and in India. Novelis has found potential investment opportunities of $4.5 billion.

He said the firm had identified potential investment opportunities of almost $3 billion in India.

Mr. Birla further added that 70% of the company's consolidated cash flows would be allocated to downstream segments witnessing high growth .

SPORT

Gill could extend the line from Sachin through Kohli

He gives the impression of being a thinking cricketer who knows his game well and responds to game situations intelligently and without fuss

BETWEEN WICKETS

SURESH MENON

In sport, the future reveals itself in different ways. Early success does not always convert into long careers. The reverse is equally true. A poor start can sometimes evolve into a sparkling career. It is not always in the hands of the individual player, though.

The opener Madhav Apte, for example, made an unbeaten century to save a Test in the West Indies in the 1950s, and at the end of seven Tests had an average of 49.27. But he never played for India again. When Ravindra Jadeja, on the other hand, made his Test debut, it surprised many. He was a slow starter, but he is an indispensable part of the side now, with 60 Tests and 242 wickets.

Special from the start

Then there is the player who is seen as special right from the beginning. There is an inevitability about his progress through the junior ranks, and even as he makes the national team, it feels like it's only a matter of time before potential and performance come together. Such was the case with Sachin Tendulkar, and before him Sunil Gavaskar.

Some players seen as special from the beginning fail to deliver immediately, but enlightened selectors persist with them, and are rewarded for this. After Richie Benaud made his debut as a 22-year-old leg spinner of great promise, he didn't do anything special for six years. In his first 24 Tests, he didn't have a five-wicket haul. Then he developed into one of the greats, as bowler and captain.

Generational changes now tend to occur quicker than before. This is unsurprising given both the number of matches played and the range of formats in the game. It is difficult now to see an individual playing 200 Tests like Tendulkar did. James Anderson (173 Tests) and Stuart Broad (157) are anomalies – they are an extension of the previous generation, Anderson having made his debut in 2003.

Five years hence...

Of those who represented India in their most recent Test in Birmingham, only of two players can it be said that they are likely to be in the team five years from now – Rishabh Pant and Shubman Gill. Over the next couple of years, a generational change will be taking place during which one of these two will probably be captain. Pant will be 29 then, and Gill 27.

Both entered the Indian team as special players (from our category above), who just needed to be given time to hit their stride in international cricket. Pant has already established himself as one of the most exciting players in world cricket today, the man most likely to take over from Kohli as the side's mascot and the player with the most attention focused on him.

Gill has been slower getting there, but his century in Zimbabwe – admittedly not against the most challenging bowling attack in the world – should unclog whatever has been impeding his progress, from a lack of patience to too much of it, depending on the format.

Gill is a natural in the middle order, perhaps even as high as number three, to succeed two of India's finest in that position, Cheteshwar Pujara and Rahul Dravid. He can be an attacking number three like Australia's Ricky Ponting.

In the Brisbane Test in Australia, it was his 91 as opener that first brought ideas of victory into the Indian camp. The bowling wasn't too shabby: Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins, Josh Hazelwood, Nathan Lyon. There was an amazing self-confidence in the youngster that augured well for Indian cricket.

Natural timer of the ball

He gives the impression of being a thinking cricketer who knows his game well and who responds to game situations intelligently and without fuss. He is a natural timer of the ball, and has the quality that set Tendulkar and Kohli apart from the start – a photographic memory of exactly where each fielder is. He plays into the gaps with incredible consistency. If he captains India, it will surprise nobody.

It will be interesting to see just how much he will let white ball cricket affect his approach to the red. Like Kohli, and Tendulkar before him, he has not had to invent strokes to make runs in the shorter formats. But opposing captains have still struggled to keep a field to counter his orthodoxy.

The short arm jab that sends the ball screaming past mid-on or the old-fashioned leg glance which he plays fine complement the drives on either side of the wicket which ensure he is always conscious of moving the score along. Interviewed after his hundred, he said his strategy had been to reduce the number of dot balls bowled to him.

The post-Kohli, post-Rohit generation is emerging with the same kind of poise and conviction that the older men displayed when gradually replacing the Tendulkar generation, and that can only be good for Indian cricket.

Gill. • AFP

Shastri backs Kohli to find form in the Asia Cup

Former coach wants workload of Bumrah, Hardik monitored; Akram feels Afridi's absence will be a big blow for Pakistan

CRICKET

ASHWIN ACHAL

Different strokes: While Shastri is confident Kohli will be firing soon, Akram has called Suryakumar a '360-degree player'. • FILE PHOTOS

Former India cricketer Ravi Shastri stated that out-of-form Virat Kohli can silence the doubters by making a bright start to his Asia Cup campaign.

"If Kohli gets a fifty in the first match (against Pakistan on Sunday), mouths will be shut. Public memory is very short. Kohli's hunger and passion remains undiminished. It's just a case of him getting in the right frame of mind," Shastri said, in a virtual interaction hosted by *Star Sports* and moderated by Mayanti Langer.

On handling the pressures of competing in the marquee India-Pakistan clash, Shastri said, "The pressures come from outside rather than from within the camp. You have to shut that off and treat it as another game.

Cut off the noise

The boys are told to stay off social media one day before and after an India-Pakistan match, irrespective of the result. Social media grips everyone, so you have to cut off the noise," Shastri said.

The former India head coach believes that all-rounder Hardik Pandya and Jasprit Bumrah are crucial to India's fortunes in the ICC T20 World Cup, which commences in Australia in October. Shastri is wary of fielding Pandya in the two bi-lateral T20I series - against Australia and South Africa - in the run up to the World Cup.

"Pandya is one of the most important cogs in the wheel. If you take him out, the team balance goes awry. We missed him very badly in last year's World Cup when he couldn't bowl. There are a number of matches coming up (before the World Cup), and Pandya is the last guy who should play all the matches.

"Jasprit Bumrah and Pandya are two crucial players for India. They have to be observed very carefully to avoid an injury breakdown before the World Cup," Shastri said.

When Mayanti mentioned that India head coach Rahul Dravid has tested positive for COVID-19, Shastri jumped in with a unique take on the situation.

"Mayanti, don't call it COVID. It's just a bloody flu. In three or four days, he will be back on the park. When I had COVID last year (during India's tour to England), I could have returned to the dressing room in six days. And I promise you, if I had returned, we would have played that Test at Old Trafford and won it.

"Don't talk about COVID now. It's over. Just take a couple of paracetamols, and Dravid will be back before the India-Pakistan match," Shastri said.

Shastri was joined in the video by former Pakistan captain Wasim Akram. Akram stated that the absence of injured pacer Shaheen Afridi comes as a huge blow to Pakistan. "Pakistan will miss Afridi a great deal. He is important because he takes wickets with the new ball. Afridi attacks the stumps, and he is consistent across formats," Akram said.

Akram picked Indian batter Suryakumar Yadav as the player to watch out for in the Asia Cup. "Suryakumar is one of my favourites. Since his India debut, he has been a treat to watch. He is a 360-degree player," Akram said.

Too early to compare

About comparisons between Babar Azam and Virat Kohli, Akram said: "It's too early to compare Babar to Kohli, but the Pakistan captain is on the way to becoming one of the greats of the game."

Dravid doesn't travel with team after positive test

AMOL KARHADKAR
MUMBAI

The India's men's cricket team for the Asia Cup left for the UAE without Rahul Dravid as the head coach had returned a positive test for COVID-19.

"Mr. Dravid is under the supervision of the BCCI medical team and has mild symptoms. He will join the team once he returns with a negative COVID-19 report," BCCI secretary Jay Shah said in a statement.

As Dravid will be able to leave for Dubai only after returning negative tests on successive days and after five days, it rules him out of a direct role during India's high-profile clash against Pakistan on Sunday.

While the BCCI statement did not elaborate on the rejigged support staff, *The Hindu* understands that bowling coach Paras Mhambrey has been asked to take charge once the squad arrives in Dubai.

The BCCI hierarchy was also considering whether to ask V.V.S. Laxman, who was at the helm of affairs during India's tour of Zimbabwe, to join the squad in the UAE. The decision on deputing Laxman will be made once the squad returns from Zimbabwe.

Under supervision: Dravid, who has mild symptoms, is being monitored by the BCCI medical team. • FILE PHOTO

QUICK SINGLES

Pujara scores yet another century

HOVE

Cheteshwar Pujara smashed his third hundred of the Royal London One-Day Cup here on Tuesday. Representing Sussex, Pujara hammered 132 off 90 balls to help his team reach 400 for four in 50 overs against Middlesex. His knock was studded with 20 fours and a couple of sixes. Opener Tom Alsop top-scored with 189 off 155 balls. • PTI

Bangladesh recalls Naim for Asia Cup

DHAKA

Bangladesh recalled batsman Mohammad Naim for the Asia Cup after wicketkeeper-batsman Nurul Hasan and pacer Hasan Mahmud were ruled out with injury. Naim, who has played 34 T20I, will join the squad in the UAE from the West Indies where he was playing for Bangladesh-A. Nurul was retained in the squad despite undergoing finger surgery in Singapore last week. But BCB said he needs more time to recover. Mahmud suffered ligament damage to his right ankle during training. AFP

I take anxiety medication, says Stokes

LONDON

Ben Stokes has revealed he takes anxiety medication every day to help his battle with mental health issues. Stokes stepped away from cricket last year to focus on his mental health after enduring a series of panic attacks. "I never thought I would be on medication to help me for that kind of stuff. I am not embarrassed or ashamed to say it," Stokes said in an *Amazon* documentary, which will be released on Friday. " I still speak to the doc, not as regularly, and I'm still taking medication every day. It's an ongoing process," he said. AFP

Ankita, Bouchard get wildcards for Chennai Open

Garcia and Alison the top two seeds at the WTA 250 event to be held from Sept. 12 to 18

TENNIS

S. DIPAK RAGAV
CHENNAI

It's official: Amritraj, second from right, and Siva V. Meyyanathan during the announcement of Bouchard and Ankita as the wildcard beneficiaries for the tournament. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT & FILE PHOTOS

India's Ankita Raina and 2014 Wimbledon finalist Eugenie Bouchard of Canada have been given wildcards in the singles draw for the WTA Chennai Open 250 event to be held from Sept. 12 to 18.

In the doubles category, India's Sharmada Balu and Riya Bhatia have been given a wildcard, it was announced at a press conference here on Tuesday.

Caroline Garcia of France, who won the Cincinnati Masters last weekend, is the top seed, with her latest win taking her to No. 17 in the rankings, while Alison Riske-Amritraj, ranked 29th in the world, is seeded second.

Sania's participation

When asked about Sania Mirza's participation in the doubles category in what would be her final year on the tour, the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association (TNTA) president Vijay Amritraj said, "I had a long chat with Sania during Wimbledon where she had said that she was going to participate in the US Open and also had a good chance of making it to the WTA Finals which would have made it hard for her to come back to India for the Chennai Open and then go back.

"But now that she is injured, it does not look like she is going to play at the US Open (Sania withdrew from the Grand Slam with a torn tendon late on Tuesday) and whether she will be fit enough to play with us.

Even if she doesn't play, TNTA would like to invite and felicitate Sania for the incredible career she has had

VIJAY AMRITRAJ

"Even if she does not play, TNTA would like to invite and felicitate her for the incredible career that she has had," the former India Davis Cup captain added.

Siva V. Meyyanathan, Honourable Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports Development, Government of Tamil Nadu, said the government has undertaken the work of refurbishing the six courts and the floodlights at the SDAT Tennis Stadium, Nungambakkam. He added that all work at the stadium would be completed by the first week of September.

Amritraj also said the government is keen on hosting an ATP event at the earliest and that he is working to find a slot in the calendar, if not possible in 2023 at least in 2024.

TNTA CEO Hiten Joshi, SDAT member-secretary K.P. Karthikeyan, Principal Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu (Department of Youth Affairs & Sports Development) Selvi Apoorva, and TNTA honorary-secretary Premkumar Karra were among those present on the occasion.

Sania out of US Open with torn tendon

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Sania Mirza pulled out of the US Open doubles event due to an injury she sustained two weeks back in Canada.

The 35-year-old Sania said in an Instagram post that she had injured herself during the Canadian Open in Toronto and the scans showed a torn tendon.

"I just have some not so great news. I hurt my forearm/ elbow while playing in Canada two weeks ago and obviously didn't realise how bad it was until got my scans yesterday and unfortunately I have in fact torn a little bit of my tendon," Sania said on Instagram. "I will be out for weeks and have pulled out of the US Open," she wrote.

Sania, who had earlier expressed her intention to call it quits towards the end of the 2022 season, said she will change her retirement plans.

IN BRIEF

Quick Guns pip Giants

PUNE

Chennai Quick Guns defeated Gujarat Giants 53-51 in the Ultimate Kho Kho on Tuesday. Attacker Ramji Kashyap logged 20 points for the winner. Earlier, K.H. Prajwal and Sachin Bhargo helped Telugu Yoddhas score a 55-43 win over Mumbai Khiladis. PTI

Mary Kom undergoes ACL surgery

NEW DELHI

Boxer M.C. Mary Kom on Tuesday underwent a reconstructive surgery to repair an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tear in her left knee. The veteran had torn her ACL when she twisted her knee in the first few minutes of her 48kg bout during the CWG selection trials in June. The surgery was done at a Mumbai hospital. PTI

Indian men shock Japan

NEW DELHI

The Indian men's team shocked former champion Japan 19-25, 25-19, 25-21, 25-23 in its opening match of the Asian u-20 volleyball at Riffa, Bahrain, on Tuesday. PTI

Bharadwaj named AICF interim secretary

CHENNAI

The All India Chess Federation (AICF) on Tuesday appointed Vipnesh Bharadwaj as its interim secretary after the Delhi High Court reiterated its order of removing former chief Bharat Singh Chauhan. "(Vipnesh) Bharadwaj has been appointed interim secretary of the federation following the Delhi HC order," AICF president Sanjay Kapoor said on Tuesday. PTI

AIFF writes to FIFA, wants ban lifted

FOOTBALL

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The All India Football Federation on Tuesday requested FIFA to lift the ban imposed on it following the Supreme Court's decision to terminate the mandate of CoA as demanded by the sport's world governing body.

AIFF's acting general secretary Sunando Dhar requested FIFA secretary-general Fatma Samoura to "reconsider their decision of suspending the AIFF".

"It is with immense pleasure that we inform you that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India took up our matter and vide order dated 22.08.2022 was pleased to pass directions regarding the full repeal of the CoA mandate and consequently the AIFF having full charge of the daily affairs," Dhar wrote in the letter.

"We request the FIFA and especially the Bureau to reconsider their decision of suspending the AIFF.

"Since the conditions set out in your letter for lifting of the suspension stand satisfied, we request that a order to that effect be passed at the earliest," the letter said.

EC elections on Sept. 2

AIFF Executive Committee elections will be held on Sept. 2 and aspiring candidates can file fresh nominations from Aug. 25, the returning officer announced.

The nominations for the posts can be filed from Thursday to Saturday while the scrutiny will be done on Sunday. The polls will be held on Sept. 2 and the results could be announced either on Sept. 2 or 3.

Arjun stops Raunak, back in joint lead

Bharathakoti lets Predke off the hook

CHESS

SPORTS BUREAU

Arjun Erigaisi was back in joint lead after beating compatriot Raunak Sadhwani in the sixth round of the Abu Dhabi Masters, in Abu Dhabi, on Tuesday.

After a day's rest when Raunak won the blitz event, Arjun spotted a chink in his rival's armoury following the 31st move and exploited it to win in 41 moves. Over the last 10 moves, Arjun's calculated kingside offensive proved too hot to handle for Raunak.

The victory raised Arjun's tally to five points and kept him alongside overnight leader USA's Ray Robson who drew with Dutchman Jorden van Foreest.

Arjun. • FILE PHOTO

In an 89-move drawn encounter, Harsha Bharathakoti (4) let third seeded Russian Alexandr Predke off the hook after gaining a completely winning position.

Leading results: Sixth round: Jorden van Foreest (Ned, 4.5) drew with Ray Robson (USA, 5); Raunak Sadhwani (4) lost to Arjun Erigaisi (5); Aleksandar Indjic (Cro, 4.5) drew with Nihal Sarin (4.5); Eggeny Tomashevsky (4.5) bt B. Adhiban (3.5).

Alexandr Predke (4) drew with Harsha Bharathakoti (4); Sandro Mareco (Arg, 4) drew with Arjun Kalyan (4); Liviu-Dieter Nisipeanu (Ger, 4) drew with P. Shyamnikhil (4); Luke Mendonca (4) drew with Aryan Chopra (4); S. P. Sethuraman (4.5) bt Mohammad Nubaishah Shaikh (3.5); P. Iniyan (3.5) lost to Samvel Ter-Sahakyan (Arm, 4.5); Sandipan Chanda (3.5) lost to M. Karthikeyan (4.5).

Ziaur Rahman (Ban, 4) bt Abhijeet Gupta (3); Kushagra Mohan (3.5) drew with Manuel Petrosyan (Arm, 3.5).

Odisha downs Blasters, makes it two in two

Krishna-Chhetri combination keeps Bengaluru on the winning path

Celebration and a goal: Vanmalsawma is gung-ho after a strike while Krishna slots home. • RITU RAJ KONWAR & DEBASISH BHADURI

DURAND CUP

SPORTS BUREAU

Odisha FC relied on two second-half goals to post a 2-0 win over Kerala Blasters in a Group D match of the Durand Cup football tournament at the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in Guwahati on Tuesday.

Issac Vanmalsawma provided the breakthrough in the 51st minute and Spaniard Saul Crespo doubled the lead in the 74th minute as Odisha secured its second successive win.

Blasters, who had a 1-1 draw against Sudeva Delhi in its first match, hardly tested the Odisha defence.

Following a thumping 6-0 win over NorthEast United FC, the experienced Odisha side used its flanks to put pressure on Blasters. However, the Blasters defence withstood the pressure in the first half.

Odisha had a few good chances. In the 22nd minute, Issac got a loose ball in the goalmouth but shot it over. In the 35th minute, Jerry sent an excellent ball into the box. An industrious Nandha Kumar rushed in from the left to head it, only to see Blasters' custodian Sachin Suresh blocking the attempt.

Odisha got the lead six minutes after resumption. Coming in off the bench, Brazilian Diego Mauricio beat two defenders on the right and cut it back for an unmarked Vanmalsawma in the box to slot in.

Odisha missed some opportunities before netting its second goal as Crespo guided in an Osama Malik header.

Amitabha Das Sharma adds from Kolkata:

Later, Bengaluru FC's new attacking combination of Sunil Chhetri and Roy Krishna delivered once more as the former I-League and Indian Super League champion breezed past Indian Air Force 4-0 in Group A at the Kishore Bharati Stadium in Kolkata.

The two struck once each in the first half to set Bengaluru on the winning path. Substitutes Faisal Ali and Siva Sakthi added two more after the interval.

Krishna gave Bengaluru the lead in the ninth minute off a fine solo effort. Chhetri fetched the insurance goal in the 23rd minute as he latched on to a long cross from Prabir Das and volleyed home.

Bengaluru dominated the action and Faisal found the third goal in the 71st minute when another substitute Udanta Singh set him up with a nice cross.

Siva Sakthi, who replaced Chhetri in the final quarter, provided the finishing touch when he found the net in injury-time (90+3).

The win helped Bengaluru FC join Mohammedan Sporting on top of the group league standings with six points from two wins each.

The results: Group D: Odisha FC 2 (Vanmalsawma 51, Crespo 74) bt Kerala Blasters 0.

Group A: Bengaluru FC 4 (Krishna 9, Chhetri 23, Faisal 71, Siva Sakthi 90+3) bt Indian Air Force 0.

LIVE TELECAST

Durand Cup: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 3 & 6 p.m.
Asia Cup Qualifiers: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), Hotstar & FanCode, 7.30 & 9.30 p.m.
Ultimate Kho Kho: Sony Ten 1 & 3 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 7.30 & 8.45 p.m.
Champions League: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

MYSURU

Pranavi progresses to Stage 2

MYSURU

Pranavi S. Urs (JGWC) of Mysuru, who leads the WPGA golf Tour in India and is now taking part in the LPGA Tour & Epson Tour qualifiers Q School Stage 1 in California, advanced to the second stage, to be held in Florida in October.

Pranavi had a four-day aggregate of six-under 282 (68, 72, 69, 73) to finish tied 32nd out of 313 participants.

Injury cuts short Krunal's stay at Warwickshire

LONDON

India all-rounder Krunal Pandya's stint with English county Warwickshire was cut short after he sustained a groin injury, forcing him out of the ongoing Royal London One-Day Cup. The 31-year-old picked up the injury while batting against Nottinghamshire on August 17. He did not play the next two games against Middlesex and Durham. PTI

Stroke of luck adds to Saina's brilliant show

Enters pre-quarterfinals as her next round rival is injured; mixed luck for Indian pairs

BWF WORLDS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
TOKYO

London Olympics bronze medallist Saina Nehwal produced a fine performance to kick-off her BWF World Championships campaign with a 21-19, 21-9 win over Hong Kong's Cheung Ngan Yi here on Tuesday.

A former World No. 1, Saina took 38 minutes to dispatch Ngan Yi in the opening round. The 32-year-old Indian, who has a silver and bronze from the Worlds, thus moved into the pre-quarterfinals as her second-round opponent, Nozomi Okuhara has pulled out of the tournament with injury.

Precision play: Saina took just 38 minutes to dispatch Cheung in the opening round. • BADMINTONPHOTO

Winning start

The women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand also made a winning start. The Indian duo hardly broke sweat in inflicting a 21-11, 21-13 defeat on Malaysians Yeen Yuan Low and Valeree Siow.

The young pair of Ashwini Bhat and Shikha Gautam also progressed to the second round beating Italians Martina Corsini and Judith Mair 21-8, 21-14 in 30 minutes.

In mixed doubles, Venkat Gaurav Prasad and Juhi Dewangan went down 10-21, 21-23 to Gregory Mairs and Jenny Moore of England and Tanisha Crasto and Ishaan Bhatnagar lost 14-21, 17-21 to Supak Jomkoh and Supissara Paewsampran of Thailand.

The men's doubles pair of Krishna Prasad Garaga and Vishnuvardhan Goud Panjala also crashed out of the tournament, losing 14-21, 18-21 to France's Fabien Delrue and William Villeger.

The results: Men: Doubles: Fabien Delrue & William Villeger (Fra) bt Krishna Prasad Garaga & Vishnuvardhan Goud Panjala 21-14, 21-18.

Women: Saina Nehwal bt Cheung Ngan Yi (HK) 21-19, 21-9; **Doubles:** Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand bt Yeen Yuan Low & Valeree Siow (MAS) 21-11, 21-13; Ashwini Bhat & Shikha Gautam bt Martina Corsini & Judith Mair (Ita) 21-8, 21-14.

Mixed doubles: Gregory Mairs & Jenny Moore bt Venkat Gaurav Prasad & Juhi Dewangan 21-10, 23-21; Supak Jomkoh & Supissara Paewsampran (Tha) bt Tanisha Crasto & Ishaan Bhatnagar 21-14, 21-17.

Neat finish: Sancho has the Liverpool defence on its haunches as he scores United's opener. • AP

Mayank and Chethan put Blasters in final

Warriors roar past Tigers, get another shot at reaching summit clash

MAHARAJA TROPHY

SPORTS REPORTER
BENGALURU

Mysore Warriors defeated Hubli Tigers by five wickets in the Eliminator of the Maharaja Trophy T20 tournament at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Tuesday.

Chasing 165 for a place in the Qualifier 2 to be played on Thursday, Mysuru kept the asking rate under control to coast to victory. There was a late hiccup when the side lost three wickets in the 19th over, but Mysuru managed to hold on.

Mysuru openers Nihal Ullal (77, 58b, 6x4, 3x6) and captain Karun Nair (23, 14b, 4x4) added 52. In the 15th over bowled by M.G. Naveen, Shreyas Gopal (32, 19b, 1x4, 2x6) and Ullal blasted 24 runs to bring the required rate down.

Reaching a landmark: Mayank tore apart the Mystics attack to notch up a century. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Shreyas had earlier claimed three wickets with his leg-spin to become the tournament's highest wicket-taker.

Batting first, Hubli skipper Luvnith Sisodia (33, 24b, 4x4, 1x6) and Mohammed Taha (27, 18b, 2x4, 2x6) gave the side a good start. The team, however, began to lose wickets before Swapnil Yelave (30, 25b, 4x4) and Naveen (32, 24b, 2x4, 2x6) put on 53 for the sixth wicket.

In Qualifier 1, Mayank Agarwal (112, 61b, 9x4, 6x6) and L.R. Chethan (80, 48b, 5x4, 5x6) set up Bengaluru Blasters' win over Gulbarga Mystics.

Rohan Patil's brilliant 108 kept Gulbarga in the contest, but it was not enough.

The scores:

Hubli Tigers 164/7 in 20 overs (Luvnith Sisodia 33, Mohammed Taha 27, Swapnil Yelave 30, M.G. Naveen 32, Shreyas Gopal 3-33) lost to Mysore Warriors 165/5 in 19.1 overs (Nihal Ullal 77, Shreyas Gopal 32, Anand Doddamani 4/27)

Bengaluru Blasters 227/3 in 20 overs (Mayank Agarwal 112, L.R. Chethan 80) bt Gulbarga Mystics 183 in 18.2 overs (Rohan Patil 108, B. Manoj 26, Ronit More 3/41).

Rourkela added as second venue

FIH PRO LEAGUE

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Rourkela was on Tuesday added as the second Indian venue, besides Bhubaneswar, for the upcoming FIH Pro League season beginning in October, with the matches to be held at the stadium built to host the FIH Men's World Cup from January 13 to 29, 2023.

The other venues are Newcastle and Hobart in Australia, Mendoza and Santiago del Estero in Argentina, Antwerp, London, Eindhoven, Amsterdam, and Christchurch and Wellington.

The FIH added that it will implement the system of promotion and relegation from the upcoming Pro League season. While the team finishing last will be relegated, the side winning the newly-added 2022 FIH Nations Cup will be promoted to the Pro League season in 2023.

Rutuja advances

SPORTS BUREAU

Rutuja Bhosale beat Great Britain's Naiktha Bains 6-4, 6-4 in the first round of the $25,000 ITF women's tennis in Roehampton, England, on Tuesday.

Other first round results: $15,000 ITF women, Cairo: Doubles: Mayuka Aikawa (Jpn) & Ani Vangelova (Bul) bt Saoirse Breen (Fij) & Farhat Aleen Qamar 6-4, 6-3.

$15,000 ITF, Monastir, Tunisia: Women: Melis Ayda Uyar (Tur) bt Jennifer Luikham 6-4, 6-7(1), 6-1; Tanisha Kashyap bt Mei Hasegawa (Jpn) 6-7(7), 4-3 (retd.). **Doubles:** Emma Tothova (Svk) & Smriti Bhasin bt Linda Ajimi & Chahd Berriri (Tun) 6-2, 6-1.

Men: Karan Singh bt Mohamed Ali Abibsi (Alg) 6-4, 6-1.

Man Utd finally lifts off with crucial win

EURO LEAGUES

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MANCHESTER

Erik ten Hag secured his first win as Manchester United manager as goals from Jadon Sancho and Marcus Rashford beat Liverpool 2-1 at Old Trafford on Monday.

United had started the weekend bottom of the Premier League, but moved above Liverpool on a massive night for its new Dutch manager.

Liverpool's expected title challenge is fading fast with Jurgen Klopp's men yet to win three games into the new season.

Juventus was held to an uneventful goalless draw by Sampdoria on Monday, while Chris Smalling headed Roma to a 1-0 win over Cremonese to make it two wins from two.

The results: Premier League: Manchester United 2 (Sancho 16, Rashford 53) bt Liverpool 1 (Salah 81).

La Liga: Elche 1 (Collado 30) drew with Almeria 1 (Sadiq 23); Girona 3 (Stuani 42, Duarte 47-og, Castellanos 64) bt Getafe 1 (Unal 73).

Serie A: Roma 1 (Smalling 65) bt Cremonese 0; Sampdoria 0 drew with Juventus 0.

See you in Lausanne, says Neeraj

Olympic champion has recovered from a minor groin strain

ATHLETICS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has recovered from the "minor" groin strain injury he had suffered last month and is set to take part in the Diamond League Meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland, on August 26.

A good show in Lausanne can ensure Neeraj a berth in the Diamond League Finals in Zurich on September 7 and 8 as he is at fourth spot in the standings. The top six in the standings will make the Zurich Finals. The Lausanne event is the last leg which has men's javelin throw competition.

The 24-year-old had pulled out of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games last month due to the injury he had suffered during the final of the World Championships on July 24 in Eugene, USA.

He pulled out of the Birmingham CWG just two days before the start of the multi-sport event. "Feeling strong and ready for Friday. Thanks for the support, everyone. See you in Lausanne!" Neeraj tweeted.

Neeraj... raring to to. • FILE PHOTO

Karandeep Kochhar zooms into the lead on opening day

Makes light of the conditions to shoot a seven-under 65; Sri Lanka's Thangaraja in second spot

PGTI GOLF

K. KEERTHIVASAN
CHENNAI

Chandigarh's Karandeep Kochhar made light of the short course, "tricky" greens and narrow fairways to shoot a seven-under 65 and lead the field on the opening day of the Impiger Technologies-Chennai Open golf tournament at the Cosmo-TNGF course here on Tuesday.

N. Thangaraja of Sri Lanka was placed second at 66 while last week's winner in Coimbatore, Khalin Joshi of Bengaluru was placed third with a 67. Arjun Sharma, who finished second in Coimbatore, struck a hole-in-one on the sixth during his round of 69 that saw him finish tied ninth.

In full flow: Karandeep Kochhar struggled initially before hitting three birdies on the back-nine. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

It was the last minute decision of Karandeep to play here. Due to visa related issues he couldn't take part in the Asian tour event in South Korea.

The 23-year-old struck four straight birdies from the second nine thanks to some solid hitting. Initially, Karandeep, the four-time PGTI champion, struggled with his putting, but a 15-feet birdie on the ninth hole strengthened his resolve. He added three more birdies and a bogey on the back-nine including two conversions from a distance of around 20 feet.

"It is a great course and is in great condition. My putting was not great to start with but got better.

"I had to withdraw my entry due to visa related issues. PGTI was kind enough to accommodate me," Kochhar told *The Hindu*.

Thangaraja said the greens were tricky and the key is to find the "right lines."

The results: 1. Karandeep Kochhar 7 under 65; 2. N. Thangaraja (SL) 6 under 66; 3. Khalin Joshi 5 under 67; 4. Mohd. Azhar; Sukra Bahadur Rai; Kartik Sharma, Manu Gandas, Ranjit Singh (all 4 under 68).

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Robin joins Sporting Club

BDFA Super Division League debutant Sporting Club Bengaluru announced the signing of India international Robin Singh for the 2022-23 season.

The 32-year-old, who has played for marquee clubs like East Bengal, Bengaluru FC and erstwhile ATK, is joining Sporting Club after having spent the last year at I-League side RoundGlass Punjab.

Sporting Club will play its first match of the season on Wednesday against Rebels FC.

Dheeraj bowls SUCC (2) to innings win

Dheeraj J. Gowda's match-haul of 12 wickets (4/13 & 8/50) helped Swastic Union CC (2) U-19 beat Coles CC by an innings and 82 runs to enter the quarterfinals of the KSCA (Group I) under-19 inter-club tournament.

The scores:

Coles CC 105 in 41.1 overs (Aditya Gupta 27, Chirag Rajesh Kothrela 3/27, Dheeraj J. Gowda 4/13) & 131 in 44 overs (Adwait Jain 51, Dheeraj J. Gowda 8/50) lost to Swastic Union CC (2) 318/8 decl. in 64.3 overs (M.B. Shivam 57, U. Karan 136, L. Manvanth Kumar 25, Lakshan 30, S.A. Sachin 47).

Vijaya CC 478/7 decl. in 82.4 overs (Thippa Reddy 48, B. Vijaya Raj 75, P. Dhruv 107, Prakar Chaturvedi 169, Ayush Ponna 29 n.o., C.M. Gagan 5/109) & 277/6 in 43.3 overs (Thippa Reddy 35, B. Vijaya Raj 116, Akshath Prabhakar 91) drew with Engrades CC 131 in 47.1 overs (M. Manoj 40, Arnav Pillutla 3/18).

Chintamani SA 194 in 65 overs (Arjun Reddy 37, Adoksh Vishwanath 28, Aditya K. Udupa 26, G. Rishil 50, Karan 6/46) & 135/4 in 30 overs (Vrishin Arinjai 54 n.o., G. Rishil 43) drew with Jawans CC 222 in 62.5 overs (S. Abhinav 114, S. Abhi Karthik 3/28).

Jawahar SC (2) 269/9 in 90 overs (B.P. Karthik 51, B. Srikanth 88, Darsan Reddy 45 n.o., Atharv Shukla 3/49, K. Prajin Shunmuga 3/38) & 23/2 in three overs drew with BUCC (1) 234 in 71.3 overs (A. Yuvraj 111, Rishikesh 25, M. Jeevan Sukeerthi 27, Atharv Shukla 31, G. Dhanush 5/51).

FUCC (1) 153 in 51.5 overs (Ravi Kairav Reddy 62, Adithya Nair 3/45, K.P. Karthikeya 4/40) drew with Vultures CC 401/9 in 90 overs (Gyan Somaiah 42, Aarav Shriyan 93, Shreyank Sagar 82, K.P. Karthikeya 101, Shikhar Shetty 31 n.o., Ronith Iyengar 3/60, Rajath Kini 5/92).

Swastic Union CC (1) 413/7 decl. in 81.3 overs (Vishal Onat 31, Harsha Wardhan Khuba 129, Vikram Kumar 53, Anirudh Srinivas 45, Aashish Mahesh 38, S. Abhirath 53, Mohsin Khan 38 n.o.) & 175/3 in 21.2 overs (Bhuvan M. Raju 41, Anirudh Srinivas 61 n.o., Aashish Mahesh 60) drew with Mount Joy CC 260 in 61.3 overs (R. Suhas 109, Varun P. Annadani 30, Keshav Manjunath 26).

Friends Union CC (2) 266 in 76.2 overs (Pavan 97, Vedanth Iyer 51, Bharat Bhudhram Jangid 45, M. Bharath 3/63) & 197 in 41.2 overs (S. Vishnu Viran 75, Vedanth Iyer 38, Adarsh Patil 37) drew with The Bangalore Cricketers 140 in 41.2 overs (D.S. Bhushan 33, S. Vignesh 30, M. Vishruth 28 n.o., Vashu Tyagi 3/55, Shivanshu Tiwari 3/19) & 98/6 in 12.2 overs (M. Tanush 33, S. Vignesh 54).

Jawahar SC (1) 580/7 in 90 overs (S.U. Karthik 174, M.K. Yashwanth 125, V. Prithvi 120, M.P. Samarth 27, Madhav T.Mandayam 84, Hrishith Shetty 30, Jitesh Kumar 3/163, V. Chandan Chavan 3/78) & 159/4 in 18.5 overs (M.P. Samarth 76, V. Prithvi 51) drew with Wilson Garden CC 143 in 49 overs (Aaryan Santosh 74, Jitesh Kumar 25, Ashish Nayak 5/23, Hardik Raj 4/28).

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Nanje Gowda in good nick

G.S. Nanje Gowda scored an unbeaten 123 as Malleswaram Gymkhana defeated The Bangalore Cricketers by 87 runs in the KSCA (Group I) under-16 inter-club tournament.

The scores:

Malleswaram Gymkhana 259 in 50 overs (G.S. Nanje Gowda 123 n.o., Chilukuri Sri Ram Praneeth 39, Adhish Shlok Panda 3/38) bt The Bangalore Cricketers 172 in 32.5 overs (L. Karthesh 61, Neev Lalith Jain 25, R. Kushal 4/33, Roshan Kumar 4/37).

Social Cricketers 253/5 in 50 overs (Sean Pratyush Cyril 75, Vrateen Prashant Padti 39, H. Rithvik 45, Rohith Koya 25 n.o., R.A. Sree Praghajeeth 26) lost to Coles CC 254/8 in 48.5 overs (Nikhil George 91, Krish Kumar Jha 37, T.N.V. Siddharth 26, Pranshu J.Patel 26, Siddharth Sunil 3/24).

Visweswarapuram CC (1) 321/9 in 46 overs (B. Krithin 104, A. Kushal Keshav 66, Chayan 48, Shiven Lal 42 n.o., P. Ved 4/38) bt Neptune CC 186 in 34 overs (Siddharth Gurav 58, Moksh Nahar 25 n.o., Ayushman Jena 3/26) [Match reduced to 46 overs per side because of wet outfield].

Mount Joy CC 237/7 in 45 overs (Amogh R.Shetty 73, Lohan Vilas 72, H.N. Karthik 25, Akhil S.Bhakta 3/66) bt Jawahar SC (1) 152 in 36.4 overs (L. Manish 26, V. Sohan 27, V. Sriram 25, H.N. Karthik 3/22)[Match reduced to 45 overs per side because of wet outfield].

Bharath CC 233/8 in 50 overs (Shreyas Subramanya 63, Aadrith 46, Kabir M. Bagadi 3/46) bt Vikram CC 229/9 in 50 overs (Kaustav Ghosh 36, A.S. Manjunath 28, L. Rakshith 37, Atharv Nooli 4/57).

Vultures CC 322/4 in 50 overs (Atharv Malviya 59, Arnav Mishra 147, N. Bhuvan Gowda 30, Manikanth Shivanand 63 n.o.) bt Dooravani Cricketers (1) 92 in 26 overs (M. Shivu 32, C. Vaibhav 3/12, Ajay Kurpad 3/27, Manikanth Shivanand 3/7).

Rajajinagar Cricketers 279/4 in 50 overs (Vivian Daniel Martis 64, Nitish Arya 28, C. Tarun 101 n.o., Yeshan Gowda 36, Harsh Chaitanya 26 n.o.) bt Jawans CC 109 in 33.2 overs (Rithvik Patil 3/26).

Chesterpoul nets four as FC BU wins 17-0

Chesterpoul Lyngdoh scored four times as FC Bengaluru United thrashed Jawahar Union 17-0 on the opening day of the BDFA Super Division League here on Tuesday.

The results:

FC Bengaluru United 17 (Hardy Cliff Nongbrin 8, 37, 77, Graffen Berg 17, 25, 87, Manvir Singh 31, Frazer Miranda 33, Shajan Franklin 40, 47, Chesterpoul Lyngdoh 56, 68, 85, 90, Praful Kumar 65, Bedashwor Singh Laishram 69, 89) bt Jawahar Union FC 0; BUFC 2 (Patrick 65, K.N. Jeevith 72) bt Bangalore Eagles FC 0; Roots FC 1 (G. Amogh 29) bt MEG & Center FC 0.

PNB MetLife jr. badminton from Aug. 27

The Bengaluru leg of the sixth PNB MetLife junior badminton championship will be held from August 27 to 30 at the Yuve Champion Academy on Thanisandra Main Road. For registrations, call: 93194 83219.

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